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Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955
Tue 1900	WBCQ	7415
Wed 0500	WRMI	9955 [or new 1462 starting here?]
Wed 1530	WRMI	9955
Wed 1900	WBCQ	7415

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1462, May 28-June 2

Thu 0530	WRMI	9955
Thu 1900	WBCQ	7415
Fri 0000	WBCQ	5110-CUSB Area 51
Fri 0100	WRMI	9955
Fri 1130	WRMI	9955
Fri 1900	WBCQ	7415
Fri 2030	WWCR1	15825 [or 2029]
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955
Sat 0800	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	9510 [except first Sat]
Sat 1630	WWCR3	12160
Sun 0230	WWCR3	5070
Sun 0630	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955
Sun 1515	WRMI	9955 [suspended]
Mon 0500	WRMI	9955
Mon 2200	WBCQ	7415
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955
Tue 1900	WBCQ	7415
Wed 0500	WRMI	9955 [or new 1463 starting here?]

Wed 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415

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** ARGENTINA. Caros Amigos, Estou sintonizando h· alguns dias uma emissora latina em 6010 kHz. Aparentemente, pelo sotaque, acredito que seja uma emissora da Argentina. Seu a'udio n,,o È bom, porÈm a intensidade do sinal È bem forte, com muito pouca interferencia e ruido.

6010 (pa'is desconhecido). Emissora n,,o identidicada. Aparentemente est,,o apresentado um radio teatro. Em 25/05/09. Entre 0215 e 0230 UT. Sinpo: 44444. 0236 UT: Acabo de identificar a emissora, È a Radio Nacional da Argentina (George Cunha, Brasil, radioescutas yg via DXLD) That spur from 6060 (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. SE DESPIDE HISTORIAS DE RADIO --- Lamentablemente, a pesar de mi mas intimo de los deseos, el programa Historias de Radio ha llegado a su fin. La producciÙn de este tipo de programas demanda un tiempo importante para que la calidad de cada segmento sea la m'ınima indispensable y mi trabajo en este momento no me deja el tiempo libre como para realizarlo de manera decorosa.

Deseo agradecer, en primer lugar, a "Pepe" Bueno por haberme cedido un espacio en su web de Programas DX" y luego a todos quienes semana a semana han seguido fielmente el programa, oyentes con los cuales me une hoy una importante amistad. Un abrazo a todos y mis cordiales 73 (Daniel Camporini, Villate 4534, B1605EKV Munro, Tel.: 1561573411
<http://www.dxradiomonitor.freehosting.net>
<http://www.historiasderadio.podomatic.com>

(via Jos  Bueno, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PD: Muchas gracias por tus 88 maravillosos programas de Historias de Radio, y por tu anterior programa "Monitor DX". Ha sido un gran honor poder difundir tus programas en nuestra web de Programas DX. Espero que pronto continuemos aprendiendo con la historia de la radiodifusi n mundial. Tambi n mi agradecimiento a la colaboraci n prestada al programa por nuestro amigo Jos  El as D az. Hasta siempre y un fuerte abrazo para los dos (Pepe Bueno, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. From band scan for last fortnight ---
2310, VL8A Alice Springs NT, improving 1000
2325, VL8T Tennant Creek NT, strongest 0930 to 1030
2485, VL8K Katherine NT, weaker signal 1000
Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca Rat n, Clewiston, and Coral Springs. 73s (Bob Wilkner, P mpano Beach, Southeast Florida, May 24, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. DIGITAL ON YOUR DIAL
Samantha Amjadali May 16, 2009 12:00am

The big switch was flicked this week, turning on digital radio for Melburnians, but what does it mean for you?
<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,25491610-5006016,00.html>
(via Rob de Santos, May 23, swprograms via DXLD)

It will be interesting to watch this mature in Australia. The stated plan is to shut down analog MW / FM in "...the next decade or so..." How well with rural Australians be served by digital radio? How about people without the financial resources to afford new radios? How will their needs be met?

I guess I find Australia (and Canada) interesting cases because their population densities are so much smaller than in Western Europe, where DAB has a stronger toehold, and the USA, where we have this voluntary IBOC system which nobody seems to like.

Population densities, from Wikipedia, in population per square km:

Belgium	341 (relatively early DAB adopter)
United Kingdom	246
Denmark	126 (relatively early DAB adopter)
USA	31
Canada	3
Australia	2.84

(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, ibid.) Cf 9-042 Brisbane

And the extra power times millions to run the computer=radio compared

to smaller power analogue reception. Already we've found that some marginal analogue TV in the U.S. can't be received when they change to digital. More on that soon in the U.S. as they do full digital.

And you saw MediaNetwork's note?

BBC mediumwave DRM tests reveal problems after dark

May 23rd, 2009 - 9:45 UTC by Andy Sennitt

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/bbc-mediumwave-drm-tests-reveal-problems-after-dark>

I know that in Seattle a small card in a TV station failed last year and wiped out all experimental digital for that station. They are much more fragile (Dan Say, BC, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. From band scan for last fortnight ---

3309.98, R Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 1000

4699.32, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 0940

4716.19, Radio Yura, Yura, 0950

4796.4, Radio Lipez, Uyuni, 1000

4834.93, R. Virgen de Remedios, Tupiza. 2330, several logs thanks to tips from L'cio Ot'vio Bobrowiec. Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca Rat'On, Clewiston, and Coral Springs. 73s (Bob Wilkner, P'umpano Beach, Southeast Florida, May 24, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. Re: 9-041; correction in log, date should be UT May 13-14:

4835, R. Virgen de Remedios, Tupiza. May 14, Spanish, 2351

religious music, 0000 [UT May 15 then?] male on flute music ID iR.

Virgen de Remedios R. Virgen de Remedios FM 89.5, 0001-0004 seems relaying audio of TV religious channel. 33233 (L'cio Ot'vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6155.26, Radio Fides, La Paz, 0100-0200*, May 24, Spanish talk. Bolivian music. Spanish ballads. ID at 0113. Poor to fair with some adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. From band scan for last fortnight ---

3375.1, R Municipal S'ao Gabriel da Cachoeira 1000

4805, R'adio Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus, dominant 1000, doubt if Per' is still there. [q.v.]

4985.0, R'adio Brasil Central, Goi'nia, 0900 to 1000; 0000

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** BRAZIL. 6009.80, Radio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, 0704-0720, May 24, local Brazilian music. IDs at 0706, 0709. Portuguese announcements. Good signal. In the clear with no sign of Colombia or Mexico (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Hi all, good signal 10000 kHz at 2000 UT, TIME SIGNAL from BRASIL!!! Ciao e GOOD DX!! !!!!! Io leggo PLAY-DX !!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!! (- Mauro Giroletti, -Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, -JRC525Nrd - Lowe HF150-, Filter PAR Electronics - BCST-LPF + BCST-HPF, -Evasdropper SWL Sloper 11mt to 120mt Band- Loop LFL1010, -Lat. 45.42166 Long. 9.1248 - Locator grid. Jn 45 Nk-, May 24, playdx yg via DXLD) Not 9999?

** BRAZIL [non]. EMISORAS BRASILEIRAS RETRANSMITIDAS EM DRM

Dia 15 de maio passado, ocorreu uma grande emissão DRM, desde Montsinéry, na Guiana Francesa. A emissão apresentou a retransmissão da Radio Nacional do Rio e Brasília, Radio MEC FM e Extra FM. O dexista Roland Zumerly, de Sete Lagoas ã MG, captou esta emissão, feita em 15740 kHz e 17875 kHz, com 150 kW de potência; e além de captar, teve a atenção de postar em seu site, todos os detalhes desta escuta, inclusive as imagens, em 3,96 kpbs, que foram também transmitidas. Chega a assustar, a qualidade da transmissão, e aqueles que desejarem ver isso, basta fazerem uma visita ao site do Zumerly, no endereço <http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/hamdream/DRMtdf.htm> (@atividade DX May 24 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL ã A Rádio Inconfidência, de Belo Horizonte (MG), voltou a ser captada em 6010 kHz, em 49 metros. Foi monitorada, em Porto Alegre (RS), em 23 de maio, às 2040, no Tempo Universal, quando um repórter apresentava informações do Cruzeiro.

BRASIL ã Faltam alguns detalhes jurídicos para que as demais freqüências da Rádio Guarujá Paulista, de Guarujá (SP), possam entrar no ar em ondas curtas. Conforme a apresentadora da emissora Maria Eli Moura, a direção está trabalhando para que isso aconteça rapidamente. Atualmente, apenas a frequência de 5045 kHz está ativa em ondas curtas.

BRASIL ã Ao que tudo indica, a Rádio Anhanguera, de Goiânia (GO), está transmitindo um programa, diferenciado apenas para seu canal de ondas tropicais em 4915 kHz. Em 23 de maio, às 2035, no Tempo Universal, a emissora apresentava programa com músicas sertanejas de raiz. Também fazia menção sempre ao jingle estamos apresentando pela onda tropical da sua Anhanguera, do que se conclui que tal frequência não retransmite o programa da Rede CBN de Rádio. Além disso, apresentou um anúncio de uma casa comercial onde o ouvinte poderia adquirir rádio de até oito faixas, obviamente para ouvir a Anhanguera em ondas tropicais.

BRASIL ã Vamos recordar que a R·dio Senado Ondas Curtas, de Bras·lia (DF), est· no ar, de segundas a sextas-feiras, entre 6h e 20h UT, em 5990 kHz. Nos s·bados e domingos, a emissora pode ser ouvida entre 6h e 9h, com o programa O Senado e Mais Brasil. Aqui vai coment·rio ir·nico: a R·dio Senado Ondas Curtas È a ·nica emissora de r·dio do mundo que, para a m·dia desinformada e para senadores perdidos no tempo e espa·o, deveria funcionar sem qualquer tipo de dire·o! (C·lio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX May 24 via DXLD) Is this really in UT?

** BRAZIL. Re: CBN 12460 kHz em FM? Se tem engano, acredite, n·o foi na escuta. Eu ouvi conforme relatado. A emissora se identificou por mais de uma vez, no m·nimo umas 5 vezes, e tratava-se de uma reportagem/entrevista sobre a fus·o da SADIA com a PERDIGV0. L·gico que eu nem fui olhar se existia alguma coisa em listas. Pra mim j· era inusitado o fato de estar recebendo a transmiss·o em FM naquela frequ·ncia (12460 kHz). Que emissora brasileira transmite em ondas curtas na modalidade FM? (Antonio Laurentino Garcia, PR7BC, May 19, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

01· Ant·nio e demais amigos da lista, S· para esclarecer: Com certeza voc· ouviu em 12460 e modo FM a tx originalmente de 11830 kHz modo AM (QRG Oficial desta emissora em Ondas Curtas), mais como???

Por algum fen·meno local, possivelmente um batimento de uma ou mais emissoras fortes ai da sua regi·o, podendo ser atÈ mesmo de emissoras de FM misturando com AM e etc..., resultou em particular nessa sua escuta em 12460 kHz. A princpio isso pode confundir alguns radioescutas ao ponto de acreditarem em se tratar de uma TX real em uma QRG diferente, mais o ideal È quando encontramos uma anomalia fora dos padries e das faixas convencionais, desconfiar sempre de que isso tem grande chances de ser resultado de heterodinagem (batimento), ou ainda de intermodula·e, imagens e etc.

Algumas podem ser facilmente explicadas e atÈ mesmo equacionadas, outras no entanto n·o, pois existem diversas vari·veis e possibilidades. Coisas de RF... risos

Apenas sugiro aos colegas de sempre anotarem tudo o que for possivel em seus respectivos LOGs, dentre essas 3 coisas que n·o pode faltar:

- 1- Local da Escuta
- 2- Receptor utilizado
- 3- Antena utilizada

Quanto mais detalhado for um LOG, mais preciso e ·til ele se torna aos demais amigos, principalmente nos casos de duvidas! Valeu! Um forte 73 e boas escutas! (PU2LZB RENATO ULIANA Grid Locator: GG66rn, ibid.)

Amigos, eu continuo por aqui escutando, j· h· v·rios dias, a r·dio Anhanguera/CBN em 12460 kHz no modo FM. O meu receptor È um r5000Kenuwod e a antena È uma Criative. Devo dizer que, na frequêcia de 11830, que È a fundamental da referida emissora, n,,o existe nenhum sinal da mesma, j· faz muito tempo. Talvez seja apenas falta de manutens,,o do transmissor! Forte 73 (Gabmar Cavalcanti Albuquerque, Campina Grande, Paraíba, ibid.)

E eu pensando que tava doido mesmo. Nem voltei a sintonizar a frequencia de 12460 kHz. Talvez seja melhor uma gravaÁ,,o em vídeo, vou ver se providencio isso aqui. Outra coisa, n,,o sei de nenhuma emissora em C. Grande-PB que retransmita a CBN (me refiro a banda de OM, como È o caso aqui de J. Pessoa). Amanh,,, se for o caso, volto com novidades. (Garcia PR7BCP, ibid.)

Pessoal: assim como o antonio, eu escutei a CBN Anhanguera nos 12460 porem n,,o percebi o sinal de FM. Apenas o sinal da emissora normal, que por sinal estava ótimo. Estavam apresentando um Px esportivo \$s 1450 UT (Anderson Jose Torquato, Garopaba-SC, May 23, ibid.)

Pessoal, Ent,,o esta explicado, possivelmente o transmissor esta com problemas transmitindo fora da QRG oficial. Um forte 73 e boas escutas! (PU2LZB RENATO ULIANA, ibid.)

Ol· Anderson e Antônio, E vero meus amigos, Conforme o Antônio relatou a TX esta mesmo em 12460 kHz e para deixar todo mundo louco em modo FM-Narrow. Apesar de alguns poderem atÈ mesmo escutar em AM, mais a TX est· mesmo em modo FM! Gravei um vídeo que pode ser visto no site Amantes do R·dio em: <http://www.amantesdoradio.com.br> A escuta foi feita com o YAESU VR-5000 e antena externa vertical 7 metros. Um forte 73 e boas escutas!(PU2LZB RENATO ULIANA, ibid.)

** CANADA. Re: CFWH-570 Whitehorse YT applies to move to FM

Patrick, I have heard CFWH several times at Grayland on northwestern Beverages. I make a point to check 570 on DXpeditions as a possible indication of good Alaskan or TP openings. It has been known to dominate when northern conditions are really good.

I logged CKRW-610 once in the early 70s at signoff under KFRC. KONA and the Canadians signed off every night back then, which made it possible to hear the Yukon station. Even so, I think I was incredibly lucky to have heard them (Bruce Portzer, WA, IRCA via DXLD)

Hi Bruce, I remember you logging CKRW. Yes, that is a rare one. I noted CFWH a time or two with the NW EWE, but after I logged and QSL'd it I did not check as often. It may have been there other times. I

always look for KFQD or KYUK as they are much easier than CFWH. KVI is pretty strong here too. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

Glenn, re CFWH, their lease is up on the AM site. They must vacate at the end of Sept. 09. Cheaper to add FM to TV tower than whole new AM site on an increasingly unpopular band. CBC acknowledges that they will also require an additional relay in future at Takhini (Andy Reid, Ont., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

REMOVING THE YUKON TRANSMITTER

Larry Bagnell: The AM tower is about to be removed for radio in the Yukon. People depend on CBC there, unlike in other areas in the south. Because of the remoteness and the \$50 , weather reports \$ for survival, for daily jobs \$ are really critical things in life. Staying in the regions would not be maintained if this tower were not replaced. The local manager is doing a great job, but he says he does not have the resources to replace that.

I hope you will take this under advisement. I know you probably can't answer now, but hopefully we'll have an ally in you to get this service extended. Those people outside the boundaries of FM really depend on it. They're the most vulnerable.

Hubie: If your question is what will I do about this, I will take the question under advisement. I'm not aware of the details surrounding this tower. (from <http://teamakers.blogspot.com/2009/05/im-not-here-this-afternoon-to-blackmail.html> lengthy testimony quoted about CBC budget cuts, via Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** CANADA. CANADIAN TV RAPPED FOR OBAMA ASSASSINATION JOKE**
Mon May 25, 2009 4:01pm EDT By David Ljunggren

OTTAWA, May 25 (Reuters) - Canada's public broadcaster was wrong to show a skit that joked about the possible assassination of U.S. President Barack Obama and suggested he could be a thief, an industry panel ruled on Monday. . . (Reporting by David Ljunggren; editing by Peter Galloway and Frances Kerry) [more]
<http://www.reuters.com/article/mediaNews/idUSN2536526920090525>
(via Brock Whaley, HI; Mike Cooper, GA, DXLD)

**** CANADA. 94.5 FM in Ottawa ---** I don't remember ever reading about a new station licensed for this frequency. Especially since the CRTC is still deciding what to do with 99.7 and 101.9. But as of today, there's someone testing the frequency with jazz music, occasionally an announcement comes on in either English or French saying the frequency is being tested with 2000 watts and then gives a phone number to call

with any interference problems (J. Nielsen, Ottawa, May 24, ABDX via DXLD)

I am given to understand that this is an Industry Canada test, and it's reasonable to conclude that they're seeing if 94.5 can be used to help resolve the 99.7/101.9 mess. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

I was also thinking that was the deal. The station is in stereo as well. I thought that it was a decent wide open frequency to squeeze one last station onto, 94.3 works just as well. If CIIO gets bumped from 99.7, they may want to use 94.5. There seems to be less interference there from the stations transmitting from First Canadian Place. There's still a perfectly good facility at 1150 as well. Barry mentioned that someone was interested in using it (Thomas Anderson, = J. Nielsen, = neofoodog, ibid.)

** CHINA. 18000, 2345, TAIWAN, Sound of Hope, Fair in Chinese opera, FA/MA very weak // 18320 Poor 28/4 (Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, NZ, Eton E5, tabletop loop, 3M indoor wire, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Another one misled to think the jamming was the target (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake survey May 24: barely caught a few bars of it on unusual 9390 until 1300*, but back on at 1308, poor; fortunately, no WWRB 9385 on yet. Against what? Per Aoki, at 12-13 on 9390 is R. Pakistan's Chinese broadcast, so chalk up another neighbor to whom the ChiCom demonstrate their hostility. Aoki does not yet show it as *jammed. Or has that shifted one hour earlier due to DST in Pakistan? See original A-09 schedule in DXLD 9-039, with // 11510 at 12-13. Apparently it has not shifted, as in WRTN A-09 update still showing 12-13, unlike English at 16 which has shifted an hour earlier to 15.

More Firedrake May 24: at 1302, nothing on 8400, but 9000 was open carrier, resuming poorly at 1305. At 1308, nothing on 11300. BTW, that's a very bad spot due to aeronautical air-ground communications in Africa. Without Firedrake blockage, one could sit on that frequency and hear planes contacting Khartoum, Tripoli, etc. At 1321, FD on 13970 // 9000. At 1324 also on 14420, better than // 13970 but fluttery. At this moment the ``ramshorn`` is being blown. At 1325 also audible on // 15600.

Firedrake May 25: surprised to hear it on another unusual frequency, 7280 at 1249, mixing with something in Chinese and // 9000. Aoki says 7280 bears Sound of Hope at 11-13, so that explains it: in this case a 300 kW Taiwan transmitter, so one can actually hear SOH in the mix, unlike their 1 kW jammer-spoilers elsewhere out-of-band. However, at 1354 on 7280 still hearing a Firedrake mix with something, SOH prolonged? // 13970. Per Aoki, V. of Strait is supposedly also on 7280

all along at 12-17 but WRTM does not have it; RFA Tinian does not start Cantonese on 7280 until 1430 and that is not asteri*ked as jammed.

Back at 1249, no Firedrake on 8400 or 11300. 9000 made its usual break 1300-1305; nothing there at 1352 recheck. At 1307, FD good on 13970, but even better on // 14420, which was still going at 1337. At 1404, 13970 open carrier, resuming FD at 1405. At 1406 still on 14420 but now very poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EAST TURKISTAN

** CHINA. The jamming control has two main centers. The first is the main site on Hainan Island in the south which also houses a large military base. But all orders for jamming come from Beijing. Three ministries are involved, 1. Ministry Of Communications (MOC), 2. Ministry Of Culture/Propaganda (MOP), and 3. The Ministry Of The Armed Forces Of The People's Liberation Army (MAFPLA). The later is due to the fact that the military control all transmitter sites in China, even those used for civilian use.

The two stations involved for both monitoring stations the government deems as un-friendly and to monitor if the jamming is effective are China National Radio near Tiananmen Square, which was also once the home of CRI until the mid 90s, and China Radio International on Shijingshan Road in Western Beijing, on the 3rd Floor less than 20 meters from the live broadcast studios, and is guarded by the military 24/7. The only way to get past the guard to the live studio or master control is by holding an A pass.

There are at least 20 sites around China which are known for jamming. The problem is trying to make a 100% confirmation, as these sites are also used for broadcasting. The only two I can 100% confirm are the one on Hainan Island and one in Shunyi, a suburb of Beijing which is used for ground jamming.

Other sites known for jamming are:
Ho Hot - Inner Mongolia
Ningbo - between Huangzhou and Shanghai
Guangzhou - across from Hong Kong
Dandong - China/North Korean border

I always felt that since China does not make public any of its transmitter sites (ones used for jamming) it would be interesting to send reception reports for CNR and CRI and QSL FIREDRAKE. LOL. Has anyone here done that?

If you think in your part of the world FIREDRAKE is everywhere, you should hear what it's like in this area. Here in the ROC, when listing

to SW, you get the impression the only stations on SW are Chinese and FIREDRAKE, which is everywhere, and I mean everywhere.

This week [on Happy Station] I interview someone from the VOA [Bill Whitacre] who told me that in the mid 1990s, VOA was scheduled to have a meeting with people from CRI about jamming. He told me the end result was CRI not showing up for the meeting. You can hear the interview June 4th (Keith Perron, Taiwan, May 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6 curtains are visible on the north-eastern corner of that area at Dongfang Hainan.

[http://maps.live.de/LiveSearch.LocalLive?](http://maps.live.de/LiveSearch.LocalLive?cp=18.89123842452519~108.66174817085269&style=h&lvl=17&dir=0&tilt=-90&alt=-1000)

[cp=18.89123842452519~108.66174817085269&style=h&lvl=17&dir=0&tilt=-90&alt=-1000](http://maps.live.de/LiveSearch.LocalLive?cp=18.89123842452519~108.66174817085269&style=h&lvl=17&dir=0&tilt=-90&alt=-1000)

and two non-dir MW masts on the northern side, also 8 masts of the 603 KHz Foreign Service direction installation towards Vietnam

BUT at different bc center some 4-5 kilometers away at

[http://maps.live.de/LiveSearch.LocalLive?](http://maps.live.de/LiveSearch.LocalLive?cp=18.872011467112973~108.6819076538086&style=h&lvl=17&dir=0&tilt=-90&alt=-1000)

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22 huge SW curtain 8 x 4 antennas are visible. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

** CONGO DR. Radio Kahuzi e-QSL --- Hi Everyone. I emailed a reception report to Radio Kahuzi and received the following reply today:

Hi David! Thank you for your DX Report, added encouragement for me to keep on keeping on with the relay while recording.

Friday at 6:30 I ran to the studio to record the programs for the next day -- Sat afternoon broadcast. I decided to also turn on the transmitters -- FM and SW for simultaneous relay while recording the VOA programs in Swahili, later a Christian program "Unshackled" at 7:30 in English and VOA in English at 8:00, and finally VOA in French 8:30 to 10:00 Bukavu time.

I listened to our Swahili recording, which corresponds to your commentary; from 7:21 to 7:23 the music in Swahili followed by a lady's voice stating that you were listening to "Salam na Music kutoka Sauti ya America, hapa Washington, D.C." This was their time of sharing correspondence with their listeners. The "local dialect" or language was Swahili.

I must say I'm amazed ! as you are UT +10 or 8 hours ahead of us. So you were listening around 3 AM, if I'm not mistaken!!! If so, More power to you! You might consider putting your long wire in an oval, as our antenna is a frequency loup parallel to the ground, shooting

straight up for more power back closer by us -- to Central Africa.

Your sunup would be possibly three hours away -- Usual skip signal from Africa would come at what hour?

I will try harder to continue rebroadcasting week days 6:30 to 10:05 Bukavu Time UTC +2, as I record these same programs. Keep Looking UP! In His Service, Richard & Kathy McDonald (via David Sharp, NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

= 1630-2005 UT. Seems quite a loose operation, 6210 (gh, DXLD)

** CONGO DR [non]. On 11890 I heard VT's musical signal, and from 1600 May 23 a transmission started in French - more or less a crash start, and I couldn't catch the ID. However, probably it was Hironnelle Foundation via Meyerton, as listed in the Sentech schedule, beaming to central-southern Africa. A good signal here (Noel R. Green (NW England), May 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. MANOLO DE LA ROSA: ARTISTA DE MÉRITO DE LA RADIO Y LA TV s.bado 23 de mayo de 2009

Tiene en su larga trayectoria artística el orgullo de haber trabajado en los dos medios que agrupa el ICRT. Manolo de la Rosa ha sido uno de los colegas que este s.bado ha recibido la distinción de Artista de Mérito de la Radio y la TV cubanas. La ceremonia ha tenido lugar en el Salón de los Espejos del Museo de la Revolución, antiguo Palacio Presidencial. . .

<http://www.haciendoradio.blogspot.com/2009/05/manolo-de-la-rosa-artista-de-merito-de.html#>

(illustrated, Blog de Juan Carlos Roque via Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Congrats to Manolo, best known as host of RHC's Spanish DX program En Contacto, Sundays (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. 6000, Radio Havana, May 24 0500-0520. Nothing extraordinary as YL gave usual ID in English and continued with news headlines. But about halfway through, she abruptly left the air. Carrier remained but there was no audio for a full two minutes until she returned with more headlines. Maybe she dropped her script and was rooting around on the floor for it. Everything else went fine for the broadcast. Tuned out as 'World of Stamps' came on at 0520 (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA, NRD535D and an Alpha Delta dx sloper antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. Not just REE, but also RHC has a pen-pal service for DentroCubans: Sunday May 24 at 1319 on 12000 giving someone's P-

and e-mail address, in Amigos de Cuba show. QRM de distorted VOR Chinese, making noise bursts every few sex on 12000. RHC modulation OK, // 11760, and the VOR mess stopped at 1400*. Same QRM spurting from Khabarovsk next day May 25 at 1304 and 1350 chex (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKESTAN. Not much making it from E Asia on 16m, May 25 at 0505, but on 17720 there was CRI in German, fair signal going from Nachrichten to ``Sie fragen, wir antworten`` Q&A show. Via Kashi, central Asia, 308 degrees, 500 kW. Best signal on band, except for 17880 RFA NMI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. From band scan for last fortnight ---
3279.6, La Voz del Napo Tena, 1000 strong signal
4814.95, Radio El Buen Pastor, Saraguro, Loma Loja 1000
Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca Ratón, Clewiston, and Coral Springs. 73s (Bob Wilkner, Púmpano Beach, Southeast Florida, May 24, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. PRESIDENTE ECUADOR DICE LUCAR; CONTRA CORRUPCI" N DE MEDIOS

QUITO (Reuters) - Ecuador planea tomar acciones en contra de las compañías de medios de comunicación que realizaron prácticas corruptas para obtener concesiones de radio y televisión del Estado, dijo el sábado el presidente Rafael Correa.

El anuncio del mandatario izquierdista se produce en momentos en que su aliado, el presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez, ha amenazado con cerrar una importante estación de televisión opositora tras acusarla de fomentar el malestar entre la población.

Algunos expertos en medios dijeron que la investigación de Ecuador sobre las frecuencias de radio y televisión podría ser usada contra las estaciones que son críticas de Correa, quien en repetidas ocasiones se ha enfrentado con los medios, a los que acusa de beneficiar a la oposición y a empresarios. . . Fuente:
<http://lta.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idLTASIE54M0GV20090523>
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, May 24, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, *0531-0550, May 24, abrupt sign on with Spanish religious music. Spanish announcements. Talk. Good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7210, 1947 23/05, Voice of Broad Masses 1, in vernacular, from Asmara-Selae Daro, with 100 kW, typical local music, // 7175 kHz, with almost equal signal, 34333. 73 (Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B, Feira de

Santana Bahia - Brasil, HCDX via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. ETIOPÏA. 5950, V of Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa-Gedja, 0315-0320, escuchada el 19 de mayo en dialecto africano sin identificar, probablemente tigrilla o afar, locutor con comentarios acompaado de m'sica Ètnica africana, segmento musical, locutora, SINPO 34433 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espaða, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 5980, Voice of Tigray Revolution, 0300-0315, May 25, tune-in to Horn of Africa music. Weak in noisy conditions. Fair to good level on // 5950 - but mixing with a strong Radio Taiwan Int via Okeechobee. Nothing heard on 6170 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7110, 1956 23/05, R. Ethiopia, in Amharic/Oro./Tig., from Addis Ababa-Gedja, with 100 kW, pop rock music USA, at 1959 UT typical Arabic music, at 2002 UT OM with short news and after typical Arabic music, 34333 (JJFS-B)

7165, 1802 23/05, R. Ethiopia, in Somali, from Addis Ababa-Gedja, with 100 kW, OM Talk and ID, after YL talk between short music, improving signal, at 1814 UT local music in fv [sic], 34333 (JJFS-B) 73 (Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B, Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, HCDX via DXLD)

7110, Radio Ethiopia, 2045-2101*, May 23, talk in listed Amharic. Local Horn of Africa music. Sign off with National Anthem. // 9704.19 - both frequencies weak but readable (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7110, R. Ethiopia, 0330, 5/24/09. Good signal. OM talk in listed Amharic. Lots of local HOA music (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Icom R71A, Wellbrook ALA-100 Loop, 60 M Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 9561.11v, Voice of Peace & Democracy, via Radio Ethiopia transmitter, 0359-0430*, May 25, tune-in to opening ID announcements at 0359 & into talk in listed Tigrinya. Short breaks of local Horn of Africa music. In the clear with a good signal but constantly drifting. Drifted as high as 9562.24 by 0427. // 7165-weak signal and covered by noise jammer at 0400. Jammer probably after VOBME which sometimes uses this frequency. Voice of Peace and Democracy on the air Mon, Wed, Fri only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. RFI STRIKE SET TO CONTINUE

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The strike at Radio France Internationale (RFI) is set to continue until Sunday and may be prolonged. Unions and management are at stalemate over a plan for 206 layoffs from the company's roughly 1,000 staff.

The group of unions which have called the strike won a victory in court on 11 May, when judges decreed that management had not followed proper procedure for notifying employees' representatives.

RFI management suspended the procedure but has declared its intention to press on with the same redundancy plans, arguing that RFI's "deficit culture" makes them necessary in order to balance the budget in future.

Mass meetings of employees have endorsed the strike call every week day since it started, although unions opposed to the strike want to negotiate the plan as it stands.

The strikers, who run their own blog, want the plan scrapped, although they say they are ready to discuss voluntary redundancies. They have won public support from a number of politicians, mostly from left-wing opposition parties including representatives of French overseas voters.

The strike is not an all-out stoppage of all staff, but broadcasts have been disrupted in most languages, thanks to tactical striking by technical staff or journalists.

Unions threaten to prolong the action next week if no progress is made on their demands (RFI website May 24, via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Workers at RFI voted today (Monday) to continue their strike. They are scheduled to meet again tomorrow. (Mike Cooper, May 25, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Re 9-042: Here it should be added that Radio ...vangle has meanwhile cut back its transmissions via ERF Radio (it's on satellite as well) to a single 15 minutes programme per week, on Mondays 0330-0345. It seems quite likely that the foreign language programmes on 1539 will simply disappear. Schedule, times given in CET (= UT plus two hours in summer), beware of a few Fllaka-1395 relays being mixed in: <http://www.erf.de/4348-Sprachen.html>
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Re 9-042: ``New station via Media Broadcast - Cheetah Radio in English: 1600-1700 on 11885 WER 125 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Sat. VG signal here in BUL (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, May 22 via DXLD)

As already outpointed in DXLD, these are really infomercials, already airing on WRMI, and here brokered by RMI (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)``

I took a listen to 11885 on the 23rd (Saturday) at 1600 - but nothing. No trace of any signal.

(Noel R. Green (NW England), May 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I guess it's skipping over Noel off the back of the beam (Jeff White, RMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

SHORTWAVE RADIO RECEPTION REPORT. TO: Cheetah Radio

Hello from New Zealand. I am pleased to report reception of Cheetah Radio operating in English on 11885 via Germany from 1600 to 1630 UT on May 23rd. 2009. Overall rating = fair-good. SINFO rating = 45353. SIO rating = 453 (Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, New Zealand, excerpt of reception report via RMI, DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. DW UPDATES:

PORTUGAL/RUSSIA/RWANDA/SRI LANKA/UAE/U.K./USA

DWL English to NE/ME/EaAF

6180 0400-0530 Sines instead of 7430 kHz Sines from May 20.

7430 0500-0530 Rampisham instead of 9440 kHz Skelton from May 20.

9735 2100-2157 Sines.

DWL French to AF from May 20

11835 1600-1657 Kigali instead of 11625 kHz

DWL in German to Latin America from May 20

0000-0200 9430 Kigali

2200-2400 9730 Kigali instead of 9430 kHz.

17820 HRI Furman-SC-USA 250 kW at 152deg from June 1st.

DWL in Persian via Samara-RUS from May 15

0230-0300

5990 Armavir

7400 Samara

9790 9845 Samara til Sept 5

9790 9845 Novosibirsk from Sept 6

13800 Samara.

DWL in Portugese and English to AF from May 20

13650 1900-2000 Trincomalee instead of 15620 kHz. En 1900 / Po 1930

13650 2000-2100 Trincomalee instead of 15205 kHz. En

DWL in Russian to Russia from May 15

15510 1400-1600 Rampisham instead of 15265 kHz.

DWL Swahili to EaAF from May 15
7240 0300-0400 Al Dhabayya instead of 9790 kHz.
(DWL May 20 via Wolfgang B,schel, May 24, dxld yg via DXLD)

** GREECE. Glenn: Right at 0005 UT Monday, the Voice of Greece again presented its one-hour program, "Greek In Style" with Adriana in English introducing contemporary and popular old Greek songs. I recognized one song in particular as coming from "Never on Sunday." The other songs had a lively lilt to them and the entire show was a la disk-jockey style, until Adriana returned in English to invite us to next-week's show. Two of the transmitters, 7475 and 9420, were coming in here with excellent reception; the 15650 transmitter directed to the Middle East, Indian Ocean, and Australia started out with fair reception until it faded out. The last song ended abruptly with "edo Athena, e phoni tis Elladas." At 0105 UT, "Greek Aromas" (Mirodeis Ellinikes) followed, with a Greek cooking show (John Babbis, MD, UT May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GR...CIA ñ Um recomendaÁ,,o para quem gosta de ouvir m'sica grega! Nos s.bados, a emiss,,o da Foni This Heladas (Voice of Greece) que vai ao ar em 15630 kHz tem regular sintonia, no Brasil, por volta de 2000, no Tempo Universal. Muita m'sica grega no ar! (CÉlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX May 24 via DXLD) & many other times (gh)

** GUATEMALA. From band scan for last fortnight --- 4799.7, Radio Buenas Nuevas, off the air! Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca RatÙn, Clewiston, and Coral Springs. 73s (Bob Wilkner, PÙmpano Beach, Southeast Florida, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, May 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. AFRTS Pearl: Glenn, I have not heard 6350 on the air for over two months. 10320 is on around the clock (Brock Whaley, Oahu, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. From band scan for last fortnight --- 3250.00, Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis 1035; 1100 carrier on before program. Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca RatÙn, Clewiston, and Coral Springs. 73s (Bob Wilkner, PÙmpano Beach, Southeast Florida, May 24, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Cyclone Aila silences most of AIR Kolkata --- Tropical Cyclone Aila which passed by Kolkata at 100 kmph speed winds on 25.5.09 at around 0930 UT silenced all the services of All India Radio Kolkata except its FM service. On 26.5.09 Vividh Bharati on 1323 kHz was the first to start. Kolkata A 657 kHz which signs on morning at 0025 UT came on air only at 0200. Kolkata B 1008 kHz and External Service with Nepali 0130-0230 on 594 kHz (Mogra 1000 kHz) were silent. Kolkata on 4820 kHz could not be logged in the morning transmission

0025-0220 UT. AIR did not make any announcement on air about its disruption in services. There was only a cursory mention in the local news bulletin (Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Only 100 km/hr? A gentle breeze (gh, Tornado Alley, DXLD)

** INDIA. I was watching some DRM recordings on Youtube, and found one interesting recording of All India Radio in DRM on 9950 kHz. The male announcer of All India Radio was EXCITED AND BREATHLESS:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmCouIelavE>

73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. MIXED MEDIA: TEN TASKS FOR THE NEW I&B MINISTER - PRADYUMAN MAHESHWARI

Depending on when you are reading this, the new Information and Broadcasting Minister would've assumed office. Although former Minister of State Anand Sharma took oath as a minister on Friday along with others, the I&B portfolio wasn't allocated among the few announced on Saturday.. Sharma is tipped to be our man, but you never know.

India has had some interesting infobroad chiefs. In the 1950s, BV Keskar banned film music on All India Radio, which led to the huge popularity of international services of Radio Ceylon and the countdown show 'Binaca Geetmalai'. Things have improved dramatically since, but there are many areas that require better thinking. For instance, while the news space is open for private television channels, it is taboo on private FM. Similarly, even as international players can run solo with their advertising and media agencies (who in turn control ad spends) and non-news television, there's no way a Forbes or Financial Times or Fox can enter with wholly-owned India set-ups. Sigh. However, it would be unfair to say the new minister will maintain a status quo. I am sure he or she will turn things around. In order to help the respected mantri have a fruitful innings, I've made a list of 10 things I'd like the ministry to do. Here it goes.

#1: Don't meddle with the media . . .

[http://www.exchange4media.com/e4m/news/fullstory.asp?](http://www.exchange4media.com/e4m/news/fullstory.asp?section_id=8&news_id=34842&tag=30222&pict=1)

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(via Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, May 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Potential web resource for audio documentary enthusiasts. This website caught my eye while browsing:

<http://audiodocumentary.org/>

If you enjoy the genre of documentaries on radio, you might enjoy connecting with the enthusiast(s) behind this site (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD) Relaunching June 1; object is

to find audiodex to tell others re (gh, DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Re 9-042: The vague reference to Los Angeles could be related to the Hotbird satellite transmissions. If nothing has changed, they are on the same "GBTS1" channel as some other programmes for Iranian listeners. I understand that the playout is handled by WRN, so it would be rather London. And the mentioned 250,000 USD funding is hardly sufficient for a new curtain antenna, so the exact purpose of this allocation for the transmitter operator remains unclear. Perhaps it's just for some maintenance, not covered by the remaining airtime lease (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. Tnx to improved pre-solstitial conditions from other worldparts, decent reception of NHKWNJR is possible without resorting to Sackville. May 25 at 0523 I ran across English on 11970, which per Eibi is via FRANCE for Africa; also at 1411 on 11985 direct from Japan for S Asia, clear unlike // 11705, which was nothing but a weak pre-echo under Sackville (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. NORTH KOREAN TV RELAY ON INTELSAT 8

I know this is a shortwave mail list, but the guys here that follow Asian current events and politics may be interested to tune into North Korean TV following yesterday's atomic test.

North Korea cannot usually be viewed in Eastern Australia or the Pacific USA; however at the moment one of the CNN Raw Feeds on Intelsat 8 is carrying a relay of Korean Central TV. The feed channel CNN is using often relays broadcasters 24x7 from Asian "hot spots" back to Atlanta. The relay will most likely be up for at least the next few days unless other breaking news develops in Asia that takes precedence over the North Korean story.

North Korea only has television for around 6 hours each evening, at the moment (midday in Sydney) the KCTV color bars are up. The station opening time can be a bit variable, yesterday they opened at 6 PM Sydney Time (0800 UT) though I have seen them open around 0600 UT previously. 30 min before opening the color bars are replaced by a Korean Test Pattern and North Korean revolutionary music. At two minutes to station opening the Radio Korea interval signal tune is heard.

The feed is in 4:2:2 chroma on 3812 H 14109. The feed circuit you are looking for is labeled "CNN Hong Kong 179".

Because the feed is in 4:2:2, a regular satellite receiver will not display the video; however use a PC satellite receiver card with

ProgDVB to watch and/or record with no problems. Most Satellite PVRs that record transport streams can also be used to record 4:2:2. If you are using a Satellite PVR simply record the feed transport stream, transfer the recording to your PC and convert the stream to a regular .mpg file in VideoReDo or similar program. Cheers, (Mark Fahey, NSW, May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Hi Glenn, Can you recommend a good frequency to hear North Korea in English? I'm guessing it will be pretty early in the morning Central time. I'm curious to hear their 'spin' on the developing nuclear situation there. Thanks (Alan Furst, TX, May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Alan, 1300-1350 UT on 9335, 11710. Repeats at 1500 on same. Reception varies quite a lot from day to day. Might be better on the 1000 UT broadcast which Eibi lists to SEA 13650u 11735u, LAm 15180u 11710u, if you, unlike me, might be listening at 5 am. 73, (Glenn to Alan, via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 11709.9, Voice of Korea, 1240, 5/16/09. Korean service mixing with Chinese language station. Chinese signal per various lists could be CNR or one of their jammers, as Taiwan listed at this time on the frequency. Operatic vocals heard to 1300. Tuned back at 1314 for English service. Program featured OM & YL alternating reading news. Mentions of South Korea and Great Leader. Fair signal (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Icom R71A, Wellbrook ALA-100 Loop, 60 M Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. Dear Glenn, This is Kevin O'Donovan. I'm the one you were wondering about on KBS World Radio. I am 31 years old and recently moved to New Mexico from Nebraska. I have been a DXer for about 25 years and a regular listener of KBS for 18.

From time to time I would write KBSWR with updates - mostly related to XM/Sirius Satellite Radio since they are on the World Radio Network. A few months ago I was asked to do a weekly 3-minute segment on their show related to the radio hobby. The focus of my segments are geared towards Satellite Radio news, promote alternative ways of listening to KBSWR (shortwave, internet, mobile, AM/FM affiliates on WRN, satellite), some amateur radio, and shortwave radio news focused around India, Pakistan and Bangladesh which is where many of their listeners are. I try not to focus much on loggings and reports, but I do open it up for listeners to contribute if they wish.

No, I am not a member of a DX club. I am, however, a licensed amateur radio operator (KC0NWM) but not in any club right now. I do remember listening to you when I was young. If I remember right, it was on the old WRNO station. Take care and keep up the great work. Warm regards,

(Kevin O'Donovan, New Mexico, USA, May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx for filling in the blank; must try to catch your segment more often. Yes WRNO was the first SW station to carry WORLD OF RADIO (Glenn to Kevin, vi DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 5009.94, RTV Malagasy, 0308-0325, May 25, talk in listed Malagasy. Lite instrumental music. Weak in noisy conditions. Broadcasting in full AM mode (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. From band scan for last fortnight ---
4800, Mexico 4800, XERTA, Radio Trans. strong in Florida 1000
Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca Raton, Clewiston, and Coral Springs. 73s (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Southeast Florida, May 24, NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See GUATEMALA: off the air

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Estimados colegas y amigos: Esta es una noticia esperada. Me la envi  Jaime B guena desde el Pa s Vasco antes de regresar a Hilversum.  Vuelve Radio Nederland con transmisiones a Sudam rica en onda corta! Seguidamente el mensaje... Saludos (Rub n Guillermo Margenet, May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Subject: buenas noticias --- Hola Rub n! Saludos desde el Pa s Vasco, donde estoy terminando de grabar unos reportajes para Cartas @ RN en busca de los oyentes en la pen nsula ib rica y ya casi de regreso para Holanda.

Te escribo para darte una buena noticia y que acabo de enviar a Gabriel Iv n, David Iurescia y a Adri n Korol. El lunes 1 de junio se volver  a emitir por onda corta hacia el CONO SUR! No ser n las tres horas que ten amos a n, ni tampoco por los 15315 --- pero por lo menos tendremos UNA hora diaria. Frecuencia 9495 kHz, v a Guayana Francesa, 2300-2357 UT y con antena dirigida hacia la Rep. Argentina. Ojal  puedas compartir esta buena noticia con los amigos colegas a trav s de los boletines, listas dx y noticias dx. Muchas gracias por todo el apoyo recibido y por tu sincera reacci n.

Abrazos tambi n de Alfonso. 73 (Jaime B guena, RN, May 25 via Margenet, ibid.) As we already heard on their REE interview, but without the frequency (Guillermo Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Every night at 2200 CT [0300 UT] I hear a national anthem. Not Cuba, Mexico or Canada on 800 kHz. I never am able to hear it before or after the national anthem but its been driving me insane trying to figure out who this is (Kevin Redding, Crump TN, ABDX via DXLD)

Kevin, If it's 800 kHz, it could be PJB Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.
See if what you're hearing matches this: <http://tinyurl.com/p8fb27>
It's the "Volkslied" of the Netherlands Antilles.

I did a little more Googling and found a very rough MIDI file for the
national anthem for Bonaire:
<http://www.nationalanthems.info/dl.php?file=bnr.mid>
Maybe that's what you're hearing ... 73 de (Steve N5WBI Ponder,
Houston TX, *ibid.*)

What does it sound like? Is this site any use for you?
http://www.national-anthems.net/south_and_north_america/
(Barry :-) Davies, UK, *ibid.*)

I was in Bonaire back about 8 years ago, and they said that they use
50 kW NDA day usually and use a four tower array with varying patterns
depending on the programming's target audience. I think they're a max
of 100 kW using the array in the manner they have it designed for.
Been there, done that, biked out to the tower site and photographed it
as well. Fun stuff (Ron Gitschier, Palm Coast, FL, *ibid.*)

** PERU. From band scan for last fortnight ---
3329.53, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco, 1000
4746.94, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho, 1020
4774.9, Radio Tarma, Tarma, 1000
4790.10, Radio VisiÚn, Chiclayo, 0900
[non] 4805, Brasil, Radio Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus, dominant 1000,
doubt if Peru is still there. [But:]
4805, Radio Rasuwilca, 1000 on the 12th of May
4824.49, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, very strong signal, 1000 most
local mornings
4826.45, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani, 1000 weaker signal
4835.42, Radio MaraÚn, Jaen, 1000 strong signal, occasional break in
transmission. Transmitter problems
5039.21, Radio Libertad, JunÏn, 1000 every morning
5059.2, La Voz de las Huarinjas, Huancabamba, 1000, 0000
5120.4v, Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba, 1000 best in lsb
5460.1, Radio BolÏvar, Cd. BolÏvar 1000; 0000
Logs ~ Pompano Beach, Cedar Key, Boca RatÚn, Clewiston, and Coral
Springs. 73s (Bob Wilkner, PÚmpano Beach, Southeast Florida, May 24,
NRD 535D ~ Drake R8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 9720.02, Radio Victoria, Lima, 0455-0510+, May 24, lite
instrumental music. Spanish religious music. Government mandated
National Anthem at 0501. Lite instrumental music & Spanish talk at
0503:30. Spanish preacher. Weak. Poor with adjacent channel splatter.
Very weak // 6019.34 heard under China Radio Internatioinal via
Sackville 6020 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. A narraÁ,,o com forte sotaque e a menÁ,,o de palavras que aqui no Brasil significam outra coisa simplesmente dificultam ao ouvinte entender o que a equipe da Antena Um Desporto, da RDP Internacional, transmite nos finais de semana em ondas curtas para todo o mundo. Afora isso, h· uma mistura de narraÁies de v·rios jogos. Ao ouvinte que n,,o entende de futebol e n,,o acompanhava o campeonato português fica impossível entender alguma coisa. No s·bado, 23, o colunista tentou acompanhar um pouco do que estava sendo transmitindo em 15295 kHz, em 19 metros. Precisou muito tempo para descobrir que o Benfica estava jogando contra o Sporting de Braga, pois a transmiss,,o era uma salada de frutas. No Brasil, est· certa a imprensa do Rio de Janeiro e de S,,o Paulo que escolhem um 'nico jogo para cobrir e fim de papo (CÉlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX May 24 via DXLD)

Even the Brazilians have a hard time understanding the sportsuguese on RDPI (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. MOLDAVIA, 7285, Voice of Rusia [sic], Kishinev-Grigoriopol, 0158-0202, escuchada el 25 de mayo en ruso a locutor en espacio DX, escucho fragmento de Radio Biafra, comentarios de la emisora, titulares de noticias, SINPO 44444. [you mean in Spanish?]

RUSIA, 7225, Voz de Rusia, 0140-0145, escuchada el 25 de mayo en ruso, ID iGosdka Rossii Radioî, iprogram Culturaî, emisiûn musical, locutor con noticias, en paralelo por 7260 y 7285, SINPO 35433

*Nuevo servicio?, frecuencia no listada ni en EiBi, Ni en Aoki, ni en WRTH (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espaða, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7225 is our St. Petersburg, ex-7390 starting from May 20. 73! (Mikhail Timofeyev, Russia, ibid.)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 30410 kHz, BSKSA, 2 x 15205 via [sporadic] E skip, 1655-1718 UT 19/5/09, volatile reception but good peaks (Tim Bucknall, Mellieha Bay Hotel, Mellieha Bay, Malta, Yupiteru MVT 9000, May 25, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. 9675, 0043, BOSNIA/SERBIA, International Radio Serbia from Bijeljina, Bosnia, 250 kW transmitter site fair with long commentary in English to North America. Best on LSB to avoid Indonesia 9680. Full ident with frequencies, postal & email address at 057 then off air. Listed 0030-0100 Mon-Sat, 0100-0130 [except!] Sundays. Long time since Iíve heard this station clearly, 7/5 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWes to NE and E, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** SEYCHELLES. Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation --- Just a little

tidbit, I tuned into their webstream just at the right time and happened to hear a song fading out, when the announcer then said "The time now is exactly 6 am" then went into the national anthem for the Seychelles. The station doesn't sign off, but they "open up" for the day, apparently, every weekday at 6 am. -- Sincerely, (Paul B. Walker, Jr., 0210 UT May 25, IRCA via DXLD) So that was at 0200 UT in the UT +4 timezone (gh, DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. 5990, IRRS, 0445-0531*, May 25, tune-in to English religious talk. Religious music at 0525. Lite guitar music at 0527. Closing English IRRS ID announcements along with Milano, Italy address at 0530 sign off. Poor to fair with some adjacent channel splatter. Audio somewhat muffled. Mon-Thu only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. New MW transmitter in Slovakia on 702 kHz --- Slovakia is slowly returning to medium waves in order to improve reception of Slovak Radio's Radio Patria - a program for national minorities. New transmitter is Cizatice in the eastern part of Slovakia (13km NE of Kosice). Power is 10 kW. Its program schedule should be in parallel with 1098 kHz (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, May 23, mwdx yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN. If you hear Spanish on 12040, it is not necessarily the second harmonic of R. Victoria, Per', as Yimber Gaviría reported from Colombia at 0053 May 19. At 0518 May 25 on 12040 I was hearing a fundamental REE // 6055, while 6020 was drowned by CRI via Sackville. The Victoria harmonic must axually be on the low side of 12040, as its fundamental was recently measured by Giampiero Bernardini, Italy, April 28 at 2330 on 6019.34v, so a harmonic of that would have been on 12038.68v. To confuse matters further, REE Costa Rica relay is also on 6020 at 00-04 and conceivably could produce its own harmonic, but those would be a satellite-delay apart from Noblejas direct frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, RTVC, Al Fitahab, 0322-0326, escuchada el 19 de mayo en rabe a locutora con comentarios, referencias a isudanîaî, segmento de m'sica folclôrica local, SINPO 34433 (JosÉ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espaða, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7200, SRTC, *0235-0305+, May 24, sign on with Qur'an. Arabic talk at 0241. Possible radio-drama at 0243. iHuna Omdurmanî IDs. Good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7200. RTVC, 0335, 5/24/09. Weaker than Ethiopia. Audio thinner with less high frequency content. Result was somewhat muddy studio audio. Extended Arabic talk by OM (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Icom R71A, Wellbrook ALA-100 Loop, 60 M Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. Bandscanning May 25 at 0514, came upon strange language on 13840, good signal. Hmmm, PWBR '2009' shows it could be Palau, or New Zealand. But the answer came only a minute later with singing ID repeating ``Radio Dabanga`` three or four times, and talk following was interrupted frequently by stingers. Apparently the Darfurians are thought to be easily bored by straight talk, which was certainly not in standard Arabic, or any kind of Arabic I could recognize. This transmission is 0430-0527, 250 kW, 330 degrees via Madagascar (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SYRIA. 12085, R. Damascus, 2000, 5/19/09. Audio popped out of the mud at the TOH. English service listed. Few English words were recognizable mixed with Arabic. Possible news by YL. Various comments mixed with music bumpers. Reached fair on peaks but fading by 2014 (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Icom R71A, Wellbrook ALA-100 Loop, 60 M Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MICHAEL L. KETTER, Pittsburgh
http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/obituaries/?mode=view&obit_id=172341

Michael L. Ketter, 48, of Pittsburgh, died Sunday, May 17, 2009. Beloved husband of Gina (Pitta) Ketter. Son of the late Robert Ketter and Lorelei Ketter. Brother of Kay Nottis, Sue White and Mary Ketter-Franklin. Daddy of Merlin, Zoron and Putt-Putt. Michael was a much-loved program director and on-air radio personality with WBCQ international short-wave radio station.

In the 1990s, he was operations manager and on-air broadcaster for WYEP-FM. Michael was a professional photographer as well as composer of electronic music.

No visitation. Private services to be held in Western New York. Arrangements by STATHERS FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES INC., 7400 Irvine St., Pittsburgh, PA 15218, 412-271-7030.
<http://www.stathersfuneral.com> Family suggests memorial contributions to Forbes Hospice, 115 S. Neville St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.
(from Kracker, Free Radio Weekly May 24 via DXLD) OBIT

** U S A. OBITUARY: MICHAEL L. KETTER / FORMER WYEP OPERATIONS MANAGER, WBCQ DIRECTOR Aug. 3, 1960 - May 17, 2009

Sunday, May 24, 2009. By Elham Khatami, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

By age 16, Michael Ketter already had compiled an impressive photography portfolio while working as official interview photographer for public radio station WBFO-FM in Buffalo, N.Y. Over the next three decades, the multit talented man would also become a radio personality

and engineer, musician, composer, and owner of an art gallery called Eyes in Wilkinsburg.

"He was a true Renaissance man," said Allan Weiner, owner of WBCQ, an international shortwave radio station in Maine at which Mr. Ketter was a broadcaster and program director. "He dabbled in all the arts and was a master in all."

Mr. Ketter died last Sunday of an anoxic brain injury. He was 48.

Mr. Ketter could boast of having created at least eight shows on WBCQ, centering on everything from music to the politics of the day. "He was so bright and so talented and such a sweet man," said Mr. Ketter's wife, Regina.

Mr. Ketter was born and raised in Buffalo. After graduating from high school, he moved to New York City, where he worked at Olden Camera Co. and immersed himself in the fast-paced world of fashion photography. In 1979, Mr. Ketter moved to Pittsburgh to attend The Art Institute and played in several punk rock bands in the early 1980s.

A mutual friend and a mutual interest in music brought him together with his wife, then a music student at Duquesne University. "It was a kind of love-at-first-sight thing," said Ms. Ketter. "A little light bulb went off in my head and I just knew it."

They married in 1983. In 1987, when radio station WYEP-FM received a grant to come back to the airwaves, Mr. Ketter worked to help the station begin anew. He worked as a studio engineer, designing the studio, selecting and purchasing necessary equipment and training staff. Mr. Ketter served as operations manager through the 1990s.

"Michael could pretty much figure out any issue that came up technically," said Rosemary Welsch, Afternoon Mix host and producer at WYEP. "He was really into the mechanics of things but he was also a very spiritual person ... very calm, very centered, very focused."

After leaving WYEP, Mr. Ketter worked as an audio engineer at various non-commercial stations in Pittsburgh, where he had the opportunity to meet many artists. "His knowledge of music helped him in that way to know exactly what musicians needed of him," said Ms. Welsch.

Mr. Ketter soon became affiliated with WBCQ, working from his Pittsburgh home. Under the name Brother X, he produced his own shows and bought time on the station to broadcast them. Listeners began tuning in and Mr. Ketter's popularity grew among WBCQ fans, leading him to become the station's program director in 2001.

"He was one of the best radio people I've ever met in my life and I have been in broadcasting almost 40 years," said Mr. Weiner, the station's owner.

Tim Smith, WBCQ station engineer and a close friend, said he and Mr. Ketter went back and forth between Pittsburgh and Maine, where Mr. Smith lives, to visit one another with their families. "He always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile," he said. "He exuded light."

In 2005, Mr. Ketter suffered a severe heart attack while driving, which left him in a coma for more than three years. "It puts closure to things but it saddens all of us deeply," Mr. Smith said. "He died too young. He had a lot left in him and a lot to give."

In addition to his wife, Mr. Ketter is survived by three sisters, Kay Nottis from Lewisburg, Union County; and Sue White and Mary Ketter-Franklin, both from Buffalo, N.Y. Services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Forbes Hospice, 115 S. Neville St., Pittsburgh 15213. First published on May 24, 2009 at 12:00 am
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(Post-Gazette website via Larry Will via DXLDYG via DXLD)

** U S A. Programming buummmmmmer! For the second time in a row, Radio Timtron Worldwide on 7415 Kc and the Ultraman Show on 6850 Kc aired at the same time heard on Saturday night. Last time as recalled, RTW aired an old repeat hour at 0000 GMT going into Sunday while I tuned many other frequencies and hooked a catch of Mac Shortwave with an Ultraman Show. Since RTW was airing a repeat show and all the other reasons, I later awayed Timmy's show and docked the Hallicrafter's wide passband into 6850 Kc, lying to the attendant at the pier that my antenna and ground return was less than 40 feet long from bow sprit to stern.

Tonight, Saturday May 23 going into Sunday 0000 GMT, RTW fired up a live show that studioed right out of WBCQ. Since the show was live and announced on Lumpy Gravy, I caught the beginning, went to the store and back in less than 1/2 hour (racing) and soon swung from Timmy's sermon to Ultraman's (an all Ultraman show). Old man OM (young feller YF) Ultraman's monologue was slightly longer than last week's but began the Station Operator's tradition we all try to avoid; days, hours, or just programs missed on the sick list. Here it was just seconds. "I got the hiccups".

(next paragraph): Since Ultraman debuted lately on WBCQ (I missed it), I'm waiting to see if Allan gets his genius cap on and tries to see if there's a willandaway to make his next blockbuster programming sunset in the week and see if he can make a lineup that can feature

something like "WorldOfRadio" right before "theUltramanShow", right before "Marion'sAttic", and so on. That means that way the Listeners could suck-in Glenn's half- hour sermon (a sermon that sticks to a half an hour!) and hear Kristina listen to all of Marion's Cowtilla stories and read Listener Mail for, well, something like, Forever.

Then we stand a chance of listening to a new wet nose Station Operator announce that he likes his Dad's Beatles records, this week. Next time he announces that he likes his Dad's Hal Roach' Komedie Kids Victor (records), next time he likes and puts on a record of, "I'm Married To A Married Man Who's Married To Me" sung by Dorothy Shay theParkAvenueHillbilly, next time he likes and puts on a record of "I Don't Care" sung by Eva Tanguay theAmericanMaid, next time he tries to play the melody line on the banjo of a sheet music popularized by Jeannie Yeamans of the play, "Blue Jeans" fame.

"Blue Jeans" was a melodrama where the villain tied the man on the buzz saw while while the girl fought him. The story was later changed into the (poorer) "The Perils Of Pauline" (date spoken, 1918 was when the series was complete?). Here it's the girl tied up clunker that the movies always drips on us. Personally, I'm not going to miss a good pressure leaker instead about a girl doing the fighting, are you?

TV watchers are discovering in droves that their new satellite dishes remake themselves into great birdbaths so they can discover their next good listening habit is a wooden knob away. Their time can be these good things and topped with being Liquified or Gravy. 73, (Frederic Jodry, May 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. JAY BENNETT --- He added the short wave audio to the "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" cd. He was a SWL and DXer. From a Chicago Sun Times blog:

Jay Bennett, a rock musician with deep ties to Chicago best known as a former member of Wilco, died early Sunday morning in downstate Urbana, where he had been running a recording studio, according to a spokesman for his family. The singer and multi-instrumentalist was 45 years old.

"Early this morning, Jay died in his sleep and an autopsy is being performed," said Edward Burch, a friend and musician who collaborated with Bennett on the 2005 album "The Palace at 4 a.m." "The family is in mourning and is unavailable for comment at this time."

Born in the Chicago suburb of Rolling Meadows, Bennett began playing in bands as a teenager. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned multiple degrees in secondary education, math and political science. In between, he co-founded the Replacements-like power-pop band Titanic Love Affair, which released

three albums during the alternative-rock heyday between 1991 and 1996, when it was dropped from its label.

Bennett was working at a VCR repair shop in Champaign when he was tapped to join Wilco as it toured in support of its first album, "A.M." A talented arranger and versatile musician who could play virtually any instrument he picked up, from mandolin to Mellotron, Bennett formed a fruitful partnership with Wilco bandleader Jeff Tweedy. His contributions over a seven-year period were key to the albums that resulted in the band's national breakthrough, including "Being There" (1996), "Summerteeth" (1999) and "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" (2002).

Relations between Bennett and Tweedy, both painstaking perfectionists, soured during the latter recording, as documented in the film "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart," and Bennett left the band. Earlier this month, Bennett filed a lawsuit against Tweedy for breach of contract and unpaid artist's royalties, stemming in part from his role in the film.

In late April, Bennett wrote on his MySpace blog about dealing with intense pain from a hip injury suffered during a dive from the stage while playing with Titanic Love Affair. He was preparing to have surgery, but was concerned about his lack of health insurance. However, he also was looking forward to finishing his fifth solo album, "Kicking at the Perfumed Air," at his studio, Pieholden Suites, named after the song on "Summerteeth" that best encapsulates his talents as an arranger.

"This whole experience [with the hip pain] has really taught me to look both inward and outward for support, and I've learned things about myself that I thought I had completely figured out years ago," Bennett wrote. "Family and friends have helped me to keep faith in a future that will actually be much more carefree than my constricted present state. I encourage you all to tell me stories of recovery, as they really do help... All in all, I'm 'in a really good place' right now; I'm just waiting until I can make it all happen."

Bennett's former bandmates in Wilco are touring in Spain and could not be reached for comment. But Burch said he had spoken to bassist John Stirratt, and the band was "broken up" about the news. "He was an extremely talented musician and a great person, and I'll miss him terribly," Burch added.

UPDATE: Wilco publicist Deb Bernardini released the following statement from Tweedy: "We are all deeply saddened by this tragedy. We will miss Jay as we remember him -- as a truly unique and gifted human being and one who made welcome and significant contributions to the

band's songs and evolution. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends in this very difficult time." (via Brock Whaley, HI, May 25, DXLD) obit

** U S A. WRMI, 9955, UT Monday May 25 at 0526, good reception toward the end of WORLD OF RADIO 1461, and no jamming audible. I continue to marvel at WRMI NW antenna reception vs S antenna: May 25 before 1400, no sign of it, just DentroCuban Jamming Command. After 1400, R. Prague relay loud and clear, over jamming if any. After 1430 confirmed with that new infomercial instead of Studio DX for at least three weeks (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505, WRNO New Orleans, 0327-0335, escuchada el 19 de mayo en inglés con emisión de música pop y rap, SINPO 45544 (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), España, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. ESTADOS UNIDOS VIA CHILE ã A R·dio Christian Vision estar· no ar, em portuguÊs, em 15410 kHz, em 19 metros, e tambÊm na Internet, atÊ 30 de junho. A decis·o de acabar com as emiss·es se deu por dois motivos: cortes de despesas e a dificuldade de conseguir bons profissionais em Miami para trabalharem na emissora.

AtÊ 1·, ir·o ao ar mais cinco edi·es inÊditas do programa R·dio DX, em parceria com o DX Clube do Brasil, no seguinte esquema: nas sextas-feiras, ãs 15h, na freq·ência de 15410 kHz, na faixa de 19 metros. TambÊm Ê reprisado no s·bado, ãs 9h, pela mesma freq·ência e, nos domingos, ãs 18h, tambÊm pela mesma freq·ência. TambÊm h· uma reprise, ãs 23h, na hora de BrasÍlia, nos s·bados, mas apenas em <http://www.radiocvc.com> OuÁa e conquiste o QSL da emissora e do programa! (CÊlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX May 24 via DXLD)
The heading of the Panorama column says all times are UT, but not at least in this item: add 3 hours for UT (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. WGN-AM'S KATHY AND JUDY SIGNING OFF --- WGN-AM 720 announced that today marks the end of the Kathy & Judy show after 20 years on the air (Tribune Alert, via Tim Kridel, May 22, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. Noted some things last night and today...

720 Only WGN, and WOR IBOC hiss noted. No Greenland or even a hint of it. Oh well...

920-WHJJ: Left in 5 kW day mode with IBOC on last night. Second time noted in the past couple of weeks. Operator error no doubt. Not intentional

1170-WDIS noted off air. Not surprised. Will note if I see it back on again.

1290-WRNI, IBOC still off. Hopefully permanently. Both adjacent stations perfectly listenable. 1290 audio is better, too. Full 10 kHz bandwidth

1710, Usual Haitian pirate (Brockton, MA?) and unID music underneath last night. The pirate has a decent signal at maybe a 30 mile distance (SDR-14, 100' north facing sloper, Craig Healy, Providence, RI, May 23, IRCA via DXLD)

Later: Re: ``1170-WDIS noted off air. Not surprised. Will note if I see it back on again.``

Back on, sorta. It pops off with modulation. It's there but not listenable. The audio sounds bubbly and cuts out once or twice a second. They have an old Harris MW-1 transmitter that has been sick for years and can't afford to have it repaired or replaced. They also have a very badly designed antenna system modification that probably cut their coverage in half. It used stainless steel cable for the feed which has a fairly high resistance. Much of the transmitter power is just turned into heat rather than radiating. Don't ever use stainless steel wire for antennas (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, *ibid.*)

And somehow, they are able to make some money. It's owned by a nutbag/weirdo lawyer. Rumour has it he was offered quite a lot of money for his call letters, "WDIS" by The Mouse. I think he was offered more money then the station was worth --- and he turned them DOWN! (Paul Walker, *ibid.*)

Yes, though the last I knew they only had one employee who ran the station sign-on to sign-off, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Not much payroll there. If I had to guess, I'd say that the rental for the cell phone antennas on the tower provides most of the income.

I've only spoken with him once. Can't form any opinion. I do think he had some issues which distracted him, so that may have affected the station management. (shrug)

I did inquire about that some years back to the Radio Disney folks. They were unaware of that, nor was the guy who operates WDIS. I always thought it would be a good sale as that callsign doesn't really have any connection to their area or programming. Based on that, I don't think there was an offer to buy.

Another quirky thing is they sign off at around 5 pm most of the time, and earlier if the license requires it. Never stay on in the summer into the evening. I also think sign-on is at 6 am (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, *ibid.*)

WDIS stands for "DIScussion Radio", which is the WDIS licensee, if I'm correct. It could probably be a decent LOCAL if the technical plant was cleaned up and they had some real programming on it (Paul Walker, ibid.)

** URUGUAY. Uruguayan sole active SW BC station by now has gone inactive again. The carrier was low modulated resulting in unusable readability as monitored since ends of last year. The announcement that it was retired for repair was made in last Sat's SODRE's Radioactividades program. SODRE authorities will keep at least this SW active (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. Re: is anyone but Greenland 3815 SW broadcasting in Danish any more? Dear Glenn, Vatican Radio broadcasts in Swedish at 1840 UT on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The programme is repeated the next day at 0500.

On Mondays there are frequently contributions in Norwegian. There are no regular programmes in Danish but Vatican Radio's Swedish Section has many listeners in Denmark.

I produce a short DX-report which is broadcast as part of the Mail Bag programme on the first Wednesday of each month. It was begun in 1995 if I remember correctly.

When not broadcasting in Swedish, programmes can be heard in Finnish and Estonian. Kind regards (Christer Brunstr m, Halmstad, Sweden, May 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. ULTIM TUM CONTRA MEDIOS PRIVADOS; CH VEZ INTENTA CALLAR A VENEZUELA

Hugo Ch vez, presidente de Venezuela, sigue acorralando a los medios de comunicaci n privados de ese pa s, al limitarles la libertad de expresi n. [caption] Por brenda mart nez

Ados a os de haber cancelado la licencia a Radio Caracas Televisi n (RCTV), el presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Ch vez, se prepara para un enfrentamiento final con Globovisi n, el  nico canal de televisi n opositor en se al abierta en ese pa s, confrontaci n que se agudiza con los se alamientos del mandatario contra la Prensa al llamarlos  terroristas  y amenazarlos con hacerlos callar definitivamente.

 Burgueses, pitayanquis, p nganse a creer en que yo no me atrevo a cerrar un medio. P nganse a creer en esos cuentos y se pueden llevar una sorpresita en cualquier momento. No se equivoquen, est n jugando

con fuego, manipulando, incitando al odio, todos los días. Yo solo les digo, y al pueblo venezolano se lo digo, que eso no va a continuar así, manifestó el gobernante a mediados de mayo.

Chavez ha insistido en que algunos medios de comunicación de su país ejercen el terrorismo mediático y la semana última no descartó que su gobierno tome una decisión contra esas empresas. . .

<http://www.prensalibre.com/pl/2009/mayo/24/315296.html>

(Prensa Libre, Guatemala, via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

**** VIETNAM. VOV INAUGURATES ITS NEW RADIO HOUSE**

Along with the inauguration of its new radio house at 58 Quan Su street, Hanoi, the Voice of Vietnam started terrestrial broadcasting of its television channel and traffic information radio channel. At the event, which coincided with activities to celebrate the 119th birthday of late President Ho Chi Minh, the Hanoi Municipal People's Committee mounted a plaque reading "Project in Celebration of 1000 years of Thang Long-Hanoi".

Addressing the inauguration ceremony, VOV Deputy Director General Le Dinh Dao emphasized that the new modern building marks a new era for VOV during the country's process of integration, industrialization and modernization and lays the foundations for VOV staff to improve their working style.

Meanwhile, National Assembly Vice Chairman Nguyen Duc Kien commended VOV for its accessible, concise and in-depth news programmes and its effective efforts to preserve national cultural identities as well as to refute distortions and wrong allegations by reactionary forces.

The new radio channel, with 100 cameras placed around Hanoi, can provide people, especially road users, with information about traffic congestion and accidents in the city.

VOV now has five radio channels, a TV channel, a news website, and a newspaper, which cover all political, cultural and social events inside and outside the country.

Its short wave, medium wave and FM programmes, with a total airtime of 218 hours per day, currently reach 99 percent of the country's population. --- from

<http://english.vovnews.vn/Home/VOV-inaugurates-its-new-radio-house/20095/104429.vov>

(via Arnaldo Slaen, HCDX via DXLD)

{NOTE: unID 1710 is a VERY long thread; next unID is 5050 far below}

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 8-032, 1710 kHz, Russian: Now playing older Russian pop at 0720 UT. No Radio Rossii LW // available, so I cannot tell if it is one of those or who? Nice music though. Also audible on the SPR4, but better on the R8. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, May 21, IRCA via DXLD)

I just got an ID at 0805, after several songs including an instrumental version of "How Great Thou Art". "Raydo [sic] Eiries (Air-ees) Still in Russian. Who is this? 73, (Martin, ibid.)

Patrick, I just saw your email. I have a very weak signal on 1710 at 0815. It is too weak to ID the language. I have neighbors' plasma TVI right on 1710 and am using an indoor loop. It loops towards the US mainland. I can tell you it is not // 180 (just starting to rise) or the better // 5920. These are both // 7200 right now (Brock Whaley, Kailua, HI, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Patrick, I do not see any station listed on 1710 in the May WRTH update, or the March Pacific/Asia log. The signal also loops towards the inter-mod mess in Honolulu, but is under noise, and running another radio on 5920, it is not // Radio Rossii. Still in at 0840 UT (Brock Whaley, Kailua, HI, ibid.)

Thanks. My first thought that it was one of the NE US stations, but I could not get a peep off any antenna other than the NE EWE, including the beverage. Later on, a weaker signal showed up on the SW EWE. I am thinking maybe a FE Russian, as it did not meet the LSR time for Europe, and it stayed in until I went to bed. There are some commercial FE stations and maybe someone has started up a new one on 1710, or some pirate. It is not a Radio Rossii or any other Russian I have heard.

Raydo Eiriss (Air-ess), I have never heard. I wonder if something new? I have never heard a Russian on 1710 before. I have a full 90 minutes on cassette, with IDs. I will try again tonight. Maybe some others like Nick, Walt, Steve, etc will give this a shot. But I still have been leaning on FE Russia, but just a guess (Martin, ibid.)

Pat, Anything is possible but I would think that a FE Russian would be operating on 1711 (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, ibid.)

Pete, No, it would be 1710, as they are on the 9 kHz plan and 1701 is used in Australia, so 1710 would be 9 kHz away. With "How Great Thou Art", there were some religious overtones in the broadcast, but the rest of the programming seemed older MOR Russian pops. A really nice format and it peaked nicely at S4-S5 at times (Martin, ibid.)

You can be sure, I will try again tonight! Hopefully others will give

it a shot too. I was hoping when I posted the tip, others would have been at the dials, but I guess everyone was in bed. If it shows up again, which I hope, but if it doesn't, I do have 90 minutes on a cassette to share with anyone that is interested. I can easily burn to a CD too (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

I wonder if it could be a pirate, very professional sounding for a pirate though and it had that "Russian station sound". I was wondering, as there are a lot of Russians in the Puget Sound area. 1590-Seattle broadcasts in Russian. But if a Puget Sound Pirate, I am sure someone would have reported it by now. 73, (Patrick Martin, IRCA via DXLD)

I'm picking up a weak signal (talk, could be Russian, but too weak to be sure) with occasional fade-ups. As this is around 6:30 PM local, no way that it's FE Russia, I'm afraid. My antenna DF suggests south from me with max. signal. Puget sound makes sense to me. Assuming they're still there as it gets dark, I should be able to ID this one. You're likely listening to a program name. Will check later on, Patrick. Rather strident talk, that's for sure. Now that's weird; 1640 has the familiar IBOC signature on Perseus, then it was gone for about 30 seconds at 0141:30 UT, now it's back. Strange! I'm measuring 1710 at about 1709.984 on the Perseus after calibrating with IBOC 1380 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, May 21, *ibid.*)

Walt, I was wondering about a Puget Sound pirate. Interesting. It would not be FE Russia at this time. You are right with that. hi. Well, if NE US has pirates, why not anywhere else? No FCC around generally. I just checked and the pop music sounds like what I heard last night, except weaker as it is still daylight as 0155 UT now. It must be a pirate, probably Puget Sound per the directivity of the NE EWE (Martin, *ibid.*)

Very poor reception here, 7:30 p.m., still daylight. Can't tell much other than someone is talking. Must be fairly good power to be heard here at all, if in the Puget Sound area (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, May 21, *ibid.*)

Steve, The weak music here sounds much like I heard last night. I would guess the Puget Sound as there are a lot of Russians in the area and even 1590 runs Russian (Martin, *ibid.*)

Steve, I just checked at 1935 local and heard nothing on 1710 here in northeast Seattle. I didn't use a BFO to check for a carrier, but if I had to go that far, it'd be pretty weak (Rick Lewis, *ibid.*)

Hi Rick, The signal is coming up a little, but still light out. They just put on an upbeat song, 7:56 p.m. Interesting you're not hearing

it at all in the Seattle area, but Walt in Vancouver [sic] BC is. Maybe it will be a bigger mystery. Lots of fun. :) (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, ibid.)

Just barely there at 8:20 pm local. I was hearing non-stop talk a couple of hours ago. Hopefully things will improve after dark (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, ibid.)

That's interesting, Rick, as I was getting fair audio up here in Victoria around 6:30 pm local (almost nil there now, although carrier isn't bad at 8:20 pm local). So if you're not hearing it in the Seattle area, and I'm hearing it reasonably OK in Victoria as is Patrick, where? Perhaps California; plenty of Russians in the San Francisco/Silicon valley area too (Salmaniw, ibid.)

Nothing being heard about 80 miles north of San Francisco at 0400 UT. Just to throw another variable into the pirate mix, there is a very large and significant Russian population in the Sacramento, CA area. (Bob Coomler, Cloverdale, CA, ibid.)

Walt, Rick, Steve, It is coming in here about like last night/early this morning, a woman in Russian and music. But it is the best off the NE EWE, not audible off the Eastern Beverage, poorer off the SW EWE and weak off the NW EWE (Patrick Martin, OR, ibid.)

The signal comes and goes here; occasionally will fade up for 20 seconds at "6-6.5" level, then down into the mumbling. I hoped it would get better as it got dark but so far (9:10 p.m.) that hasn't happened. About the same level as it was at 7:45 p.m., when it did get a little stronger than earlier in solid daylight. Appears to be a female or young-sounding male talking/preaching (?), on the fadeups.

I only (barely) hear it on one antenna -- the big terminated corner loop that's supposed to favor medium wave TAs, but has proven to work well at the high end of the band in the opposite direction, for 1566 and 1575 Korea and Thailand Pacific TPs. So it could certainly be hearing signals to the west where Walt and Patrick are hearing this 1710 one much better than I am.

While typing this I was hearing mumblings at the start but the past 5 minutes, nothing at all (9:18 p.m. PDT). Whoops, just got another fadeup, the higher-pitched voice talking, occasionally at 6.5/poor level. Just hit 7 level for a few seconds, and the E/W ALA100 loop is now hearing it, but not as well as the corner loop. It does sound like a young man with a higher-pitch voice talking/preaching; just cut into short music interlude, 9:21 p.m, now faded down to nothing again; now back up for a few seconds, with choral music. 9:26p.m. with more of vocal music heard, very poor to poor level.

That reminds me of the 1710 pirate I heard several years ago that seemed to loop to the north, but apparently no one but I heard it, for several nights in a row, and it was playing more traditional odd 6 MHz pirate broadcasting stuff. But that was clear and 8-level strength too (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Walt, Rick, Patrick & Steve, I have a moderate carrier and weak modulation on 1710 kHz currently (0428 [UT]) on the 30" loopstick ICF-2010, and the signal is not coming from N-S, but almost exactly E-W, possibly from Tacoma. Will make efforts to boost up the signal with some of the new loops here. 73, (Gary Drew, WA, *ibid.*)

Steve, It is a bit weaker now with choral religious music. Interesting format for a pirate. Funny as I have heard lowpower college stations (Carrier current) at great distances, Sacramento College and even UT running 1-2 watts, so who knows what this is. I figured the Puget Sound, but if Rick is not getting it, then somewhere else in the NW I would guess. But it probably is quite low power (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

Gary, Best by far on NE EWE here. Where does the Russian population of the Puget Sound live? (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

Patrick, Steve and Walt, Only very weak modulation on 1710 kHz here in Puyallup, about 30 miles south of Seattle, in south Puget Sound. This is with a 30" loopstick ICF-2010 coupled up to a 4' box loop. I'm very sure about the E-W bearing though -- it's either from Tacoma, or something east of here (unlikely). Unfortunately, I'll have to stop listening for a few hours now. 73, (Gary DeBock, *ibid.*)

Well, the signal did get better, much better. It's been at 7-8 level past 5 minutes, with the usual fades, but lowest has been a 7 with peak of 8 lately. Music interspersed with the same higher-pitched speaker as I think was before. Of course as I write this, it just faded down to mumbles again, but only for 10 seconds, then back up but to 6.5 level. Talking going on right now, 9:45 p.m. Wonder how Pat and Walt, and anyone else, are hearing it (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Patrick, They are pretty well spread out over Puget Sound, and could be anywhere from here to North Seattle. 73, (Gary DeBock, *ibid.*)

Nothing noted (no carrier) here in N Seattle at 2155 PDT (Phil Bytheway, WA, *ibid.*)

I'm getting the same thing in Seattle. It sounds like a woman taking at threshold level, but it's not strong enough to ID the language.

Obviously not a Russian Far East station at this hour, but I'm not sure what else it could be (Bruce Portzer, *ibid.*)

I'm in NE Tacoma. There is so much QRN in the house that the HQ-180 and the loops are useless. Outside with the E100 bare, I could detect some audio - a woman talking in a language I could not determine. Bearing from my place is about NNE/SSW. I am also getting slop from the nearby Part 15 Brown's Point Radio station on 1700. I'll be driving around some in the morning and see if I can catch something. Meanwhile loopsters, let's zero in on this thing (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, 12225w 4719n, HQ180 + Kiwa air core loop, ICF2010, DX398; Palomar loop, SRF-59 & -M37V, Eton E100, *ibid.*)

Patrick, There's a fair number of Russian immigrants in the Seattle area. It's actually one of the more common non-English languages I hear when I'm in stores, etc.

KLFE-1590 carries Russian programs 6 am-10 pm M-F, and KKNW-1150 has a Russian show 5-7 pm, so we apparently have a fair number of people who know the language. I'm not sure about the number of Russian speakers elsewhere in the state (Bruce Portzer, *ibid.*)

Well, if Pat has it best on his NE EWE, and Gary barely hears it, close to Seattle area, and I don't hear it at all on my big E/W longwire, then perhaps it is not so unlikely that it is east of Gary and not in the Seattle area at all, and is perhaps skipping up to Walt in Victoria. It's been up and down as before, with decent levels for short periods, but is mostly still heard on the fade downs. Sometimes it sounds like children in the background; maybe it's coming from somebody's home. But is certainly interesting to try to figure out. I guess Pat has the best signal, so it is probably closest to him. Right now it's mostly down in the mud, 10:08 p.m. (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, *ibid.*) These local times mixed in = UT -7 (gh)

Here on Bainbridge Island, I get a het that is due north/south, based on a simple null on a Sony 7600GR and a crate loop - very weak and it comes and goes, similar to what others are reporting. I haven't heard any audio. So, if it's west of Gary in Puyallup, by triangulation that puts it in the Tacoma/Lakewood area. HEY PETE TAYLOR IN TACOMA - GOT YOUR EARS ON?? (Kevin Satya, Bainbridge Island, WA, *ibid.*)

Gary, Thanks. Well, it was a thought. But reports from all over Puget Sound, doesn't seem to pinpoint it. 73, (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

Bruce, Interesting. It doesn't really point to the Puget Sound area then. The NE EWE still gets it the best (Martin, *ibid.*)

Where's Dennis Vroom when we need him? He could add a valuable bit of

info on level and direction in the Portland/Vancouver area. The signal never gets any stronger here than it did before and hasn't hit the peaks of before. But it fades up for half a minute to weak level, then down for several minutes into nothing, or mumbling. The hash from 1700 is much worse now that the evening skip is in. And I'm still only hearing the signal on my "lesser antennas", not the big E/W longwire or the 400' N/S longwire. 10:32 p.m., it's faded up to poor level at the moment with vocal music (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Steve, No sign of it during the day. Maybe East of Seattle like Yakima or Wenatchee or even Spokane??? But I would guess an area with a Russian population. I have 90 minutes on a cassette from 0804 to 0934 UT (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

I have a weak het due south of me from Bainbridge Island: no audio, but it fades up and down like it does for others. So, if it's west of Gary, that definitely puts it in the Tacoma/Lakewood area (Kevin Satya, Bainbridge Island, WA, *ibid.*)

Really difficult to get a bearing on this as it is fading so erratically, but assuming it's not out in the Pacific, it seems to be bearing somewhat east or maybe just a tad north of east from here. Seems hard to get that to jibe with Gary's observation, though. (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC, Canada , *ibid.*)

Bruce, Then we are back pointing to the Puget Sound area again, hi. The NE EWE does very well to the NE as KLFE 1590 mixes with KMBD days and I am less than 50 miles from a strong KMBD. The null is great to the South. Ferndale under Vancouver on 1550, Blaine on 550 with KOAC, etc. (Martin, *ibid.*)

I got called out at 9:00 pm for a delivery and just returned at 10:40 pm (0540 UT). The best antenna I'm using now is the ALA 100 which I have aimed to the SW/NE. At times it fades up very well (i.e. 0548) with religious choral music. Then it'll fade down into the mud or close to it. This style of music, if Russian, would be associated with Protestant/fundamentalist denominations. Not, for certain, Orthodox or traditional Russian Orthodox music. Therefore, I suggest that it might be a Russian Protestant congregation in the Seattle/Tacoma area? Maybe a look in the phone book might yield something. I agree that it sounds Russian, but would like to confirm the language with a better quality clip from someone (mp3 please) (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, *ibid.*)

Another nice fade-up at 0557 for about 20 or 30 seconds and then down again. Fair once again at 0602. Wish it'd stay up for a while! (Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Hello 1710 DXers, Have this station at S-9+20 db at times with the

Palstar preamp tuned to 1710 kHz.? Noise level about a S-8 here. Fades to nothing and rises about every 5 minutes to a decent signal. Hear only on the NW ewe and not on the N-S slinky or the u-shaped fence antenna. After I walk the dogs I will connect the Kiwa loop and try and get a direction (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek WA, 10 miles North of Portland, Oregon, ibid.)

Another great fade-up around 0610 with positively Russian programming, but hard to nail exactly the nature, as it fades down virtually as quickly as the fade-up which is very rapid. At 0613 seems to be a sermon. Quite certain, I heard "Vavilon" which means Babylon in Russian.

Yes a sermon. "Apostoly" and "Vavilon" heard clearly at 0615:30. 1700 is starting to splatter a bit now. Good reception at 0617 with "Alleluia". Best by far reception at -88 dBm/S6 to S7 level. Actually not fading down now. Wow, at 0618:30 it's up to S8 to S9. Now how about an ID!!!! (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, ibid.)

Now is good a signal at 0631 with man in Russian. Going out in the car and head towards Battle Ground, WA. Has a large Russian population. Taking the e100 and space magnet. Pat and I used the 97 Tracer to track down a long wire radio station in Arizona. Be back soon (Dennis Vroom, ibid.)

Dennis, This is great that Dennis is now involved -- maybe he will provide the missing link! The signal continues up and down here, good at times, very similar to what Walt has said about it. I'd like to stay up and hear what Dennis finds out but it's bedtime for me (just after midnight here). Good luck! (Steve Ratzlaff, OR, ibid.)

They're playing a choral version of the famous religious hymn "How Great Thou Art" right now (in presumed Russian), 0717 UT, with individual solos, decent level for the whole song so far. Hope Dennis gets some good results (But really must head off to bed) (Steve Ratzlaff, OR, May 22, IRCA via DXLD)

Steve, Pat, Walt, Just got back from the Battle Ground area and it's not there. 0725 still on the air with woman talking. A lot of fading, still peaks at S-9+20 on the NW ewe hook to tuner. Heard on the dog walk using the e100 placed against a power line support cable. Believe the station is NW from here, not heard on the fence antenna which favors NE. Hooked the Kiwa to the R30cc upstairs, but too much noise. Drawing a NE line from Pat's location and a NW line for my location, the lines intercept west of Chehalis Washington. A town named Doty. I thought maybe Longview, but Pat should be able to hear Longview on his eastern beverage. With just the NW ewe and no preamp tuner the signal peaks at S-5. S-3 noise level without the tuner. Still with

music at 0735. Maybe take a ride up to Chahal's area Friday night and check things out? (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA JRC NRD 545 Ewe NW, 0742 UT May 22, IRCA via DXLD)

Thanks, Dennis for your efforts! I'm up again at 1130 UT, signal is there, predawn light; 1215, signal is there -- still best on my big terminated corner loop favoring north (but hears 1566 Korea and 1575 Thailand well too). Heavy splatter from 1700. 1710 has the usual infrequent fadeup to poor level for 10 seconds then back to nothing or mumbling. Top of hour came and went, no change in the talking. 1207 had a brief change to some short music, then talking again. Does not seem like a commercial station. Fadeup to weak, 1220 utc/5:20 a.m. PDT. Different person talking/preaching now, a man (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Still fading up now and then, with man talking/preaching, well past sunrise, 1235 UT. ESPN on 1700 still strong, but not splattering now. (Steve NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Steve, I got up late this morning around 1215 UT and the station on 1710 kHz was still on. Briefly at best level last night, faded at sunrise. Last night the station would rise to level 7 signal then drop to noise level. Similar to the TIS station from Chief Joseph Dam. Walt could be right with the station being in the Tacoma area, but I would think that Gary or Kevin would hear it well? (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, *ibid.*)

Another fadeup just now, 1323 UT. Poorer peak signal now as daytime signals fade. I'm guessing it's more in the NE WA area -- Yakima, Spokane, Pullman, Walla Walla etc. if I'm still hearing it well after sunup. Maybe will have to remove turns on my big 6 foot/side LW loop and retune to 1710 and see if I can get anything (Steve, NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Good work, Dennis. This morning, I'm still hearing them very weakly, again best with my S facing corner fed loop with weak music at 6:50 am local, well after LSR (Walt Salmani, *ibid.*)

1300 UT/6 a.m., still there, preaching ended, now music, medium level at times (Steve NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Good Morning All, Currently in broad daylight there is still a strong carrier on 1710 with a bearing of about 300 degrees (or 120 degrees) from my Puyallup location, which would place the location exactly in the direction of downtown Tacoma. Unfortunately, when audio does come up (weakly), it appears that this may be a previously unnoticed mixing product from two Tacoma pests, KHHO-850 and KKM0-1360, that escaped detection until now because of the off-band frequency. There has never

been any Russian audio heard on this signal here, although it is so weak that the "mixing product" diagnosis is also still unconfirmed. I'll continue to investigate with the new, serious-sized loops later today. 73, (Gary DeBock, 1548 UT May 22, IRCA via DXLD)

Dennis, Glad to have you back! Yes, it came in here well at times again last night. I have 90 minutes on cassette, I can easily dub over to a CD. I was pretty sure it is Russian. Another possibility would be a Russian church with a lp transmitter (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, *ibid.*)

Thanks Dennis for all of your work on this! I am wondering too if the transmitter in question is farther to the East? Wenatchee or Yakima. I just checked at 1705 UT and at 1005 PDT, I can get a very weak carrier on 1710 off the NE EWE. That still points to the NE, but Wenatchee or Spokane would be too far for a lp station, Yakima maybe?, or still Centralia/Olympia??? (Martin, *ibid.*)

This morning I drove from home in NE Tacoma through downtown to the Proctor district and then back up I-5 to Federal Way and then due West to home again and did not hear anything similar to what Pat heard. Rather, I heard the additive mixing product of KIRO-710 and KOMO-1000. Gary, you might want to check the mixing product you heard; 300 degrees would be pretty much in line with the KOMO/KIRO transmitter sites.

I thought for sure if I were going to hear Russian that I would do so in Federal Way because I often hear Russian language-speakers at Costco and Winco. I don't think there is a nucleus where they all live but a lot of them seem to have settled in the area. Meanwhile, 1710 was hammered across the Sound on Schuster Drive and at least two miles East of home by slop from Browns Point Radio-1700, my nearby Part 15 friend. Obviously it has fairly sophisticated audio processing equipment which is not surprising because the operator works at a music syndicator in Seattle.

Not sure where to go with this now. It is certainly possible that it is not 24/7. I will try to get a more precise direction on it tonight by taking the Palomar loop outside and using it with the 2010. (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, *ibid.*)

This pirate (I'm assuming) on 1710 is quite interesting. I have a suggestion. If any of you in the NW (or elsewhere) have non-DX friends / family that live in various parts of Washington state and are willing, ask them the next time that they are out and about to see what they are hearing on 1710 on their car radio. If someone is hearing it on a regular consumer equipment, i.e. a factory radio, say at high noon, the location should be near them. Just a thought.

73, (Dave in Indy Hascall, ibid.)

1300 UT/6 a.m., still there, preaching ended, now music, medium level at times (Steve NE Oregon Ratzlaff, ibid.)

Pat, If the Russian station on 1710 was in the Yakima area, your eastern beverage should be able to receive it? Yakima is a little NE of Seaside. If I don't go out driving around looking for the station tonight, I will aim the ewe in the NE direction and see if the signal improves (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, ibid.)

Hi Pete, Thanks for your detailed investigation. It's obvious now that the 1710 carrier around the Tacoma-Puyallup area is some kind of mixing product, and not the mystery Russian station that Patrick, Walt and Steve have been hearing. Your explanation of KOMO-1000 and KIRO-710 sounds very plausible, since I haven't yet heard enough audio to clearly identify the station(s). KHHO-850 and KKMO-1360 are the most obnoxious Tacoma pests here, so I thought they might have been the culprits. Anyway, at least we now know of another local spurious mixture, as if we didn't have enough of them already :>) 73, (Gary DeBock, ibid.)

Dave, That's a great idea. Hams from the WARTS Net gather at 6:00 PM PDT on 3970 Lower sideband and members are from all over Washington and the Pacific Northwest. If a ham on the list would ask them, I'm sure they would be happy to help (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, ibid.)

Dennis, Yes, you are right there and I also get Spokane on the Eastern beverage, so it still points to the Puget Sound area (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

Pete, Thanks for the report. Interesting. No one seems to find a local signal on this one. I wonder a trip from Centralia to Mt. Vernon would find it? There may be some small group of Russians in a small town in Western WA too? (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

Dave & Dennis, Yes, if anyone on the list is an active Ham, then checking with the net may offer something. Great ideas!!! 73, (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

I kind of doubt this, as no IDs TOH, but has anyone checked for a // between 1590 and 1710? I haven't, but it was just a thought as some image 1590 may be putting out? 73, (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

My niece in Pullman, WA is driving down here for the holiday weekend either this evening or Saturday morning. I've asked her to tune to 1710 and check for the signal -- that will cover a few parts of

western WA. We hope the signal is 24/7. If not, how many people are up in the middle of the night to warrant keeping it on. I don't have any ham transmitting antennas, or I'd certainly check into that net that Dennis mentioned (Steve Ratzlaff, Elgin, OR (NE Oregon), *ibid.*)

Hello All, Had a chance to investigate the local Tacoma-Puyallup 1710 kHz carrier with the new 10' box loop here, and it is definitely a spurious mixture of KIRO-710 and KOMO-1000. It's very weak here in Puyallup on regular receivers and antennas, though, so it was never detected previously. Thanks for the suggestion, Pete. 73, (Gary DeBock, *ibid.*)

I wondered about that. It's not // to 1590, Patrick (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Walt, That answers that question. It must be a pirate then. Maybe in time we will run it down. I wonder if they will QSL??? (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

Despite heavy continuous local static, the 1710 signal is being heard, weak/medium at times already, 0408 UT. Talk at present (Steve, NE Oregon, UT May 23, *ibid.*)

Not nearly as good tonight compared to last night here in Victoria. Just the odd snippet of audio at 0436 UT. A lot more atmospheric crashes too. What's the latest re DF, etc.? Anyone have a summary of what we know so far? (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Hi Walt, DF and investigation in the south Puget Sound area revealed a previously unknown mixing product of KIRO-710 and KOMO-1000 right on 1710 kHz, which was apparently responsible for the very weak audio that Pete and I heard on the frequency. This very weak spur has nothing to do with the Russian audio on the frequency, but it makes it tough to chase the Russian-language station on 1710 kHz around the Puyallup-Tacoma area (and maybe farther north, into Seattle). 73, (Gary DeBock, *ibid.*)

[IRCA] Another night with the 1710 west coast signal

The 1710 signal is playing what sounds like more contemporary vocal music at the moment, 0527 UT. Doesn't sound "religious", though the words certainly could be, since they're a foreign language to me. Weak level. Today I modified my new DeBock-designed PVC LW loop (6 feet per side) to a MW loop that tuned 1710, and moved it down the lane out of the AC noise field, and just came back from trying it out for 30 minutes. No trace of the 1710 signal at any loop heading. Wherever this signal is from, I guess it's too weak to be heard here with that size of tuned loop. It was a fun experiment and I had high hopes I

would hear the signal and be able to get a rough bearing, but it didn't turn out that way. But I'm back inside now and am hearing it with the same larger antennas that heard it last night (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, ibid.)

Heard here weak tonight too (Patrick Martin, 0545 UT May 23, ibid.)

I have no clues other than the NE EWE gets it the best. With my almost zero noise level here during the day, I can barely detect a weak carrier during the day, but nothing usable (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

Thanks Patrick and Gary. Conditions tonight really suck. I can just barely make out audio; nothing like the good conditions last night. I'll have to leave it to another night, I suppose! (Walt Salmani, ibid.)

Steve, The signal is stronger now and like before, Russian MOR pop music. Not a bad signal at S4 now (Patrick Martin, 0612 UT May 23, ibid.)

Steve, It is quite decent here on peaks S-5 and little noise. It sounds like it may be some relay of a Russian station. This is not some "kid" operation. The audio may be off the internet. The station does sound like a full fledged relay of a Russian station, good modulation and audio. But where it is, who knows??? But it sure sounds good. I kind of wish it was local to me as the music format is very enjoyable (Patrick Martin, 0716 UT, ibid.)

Hi Group, My wife mentioned that she would buy like a new set of dishes; I suggested we drive to the Factory Outlet Mall in Centralia, WA about 75 miles North of here. Of course the radio was tuned to 1710 kHz and nothing was heard. On the way back I suggested we head East on highway 12 and head towards Yakima. Got within 20 miles of Yakima and nothing heard on 1710. Took the 410 to the 123 and passed Mt. Rainer. Saw a black bear cross the road and 20' snow drifts at the 5,000' Plus summit of the highway. Coming back down highway 12 towards I-5 we almost hit a deer on the highway. It was dark once we got back on highway 12 headed home, so I thought the 1710 Russian station might be heard. The two hour drive back home nothing was heard on 1710. Tried the e100 and space magnet on the 4,000' summit on highway 12 and nothing on 1710. That was around 7 pm.

Got home at midnight and the 1710 station is in on the slinky antenna which is in the N-S direction.? Signal fair at best, mostly weak just above the noise. Too late to set the ewe up in the NE direction; will try this Saturday evening. Hoping someone finds [sic] this station. Best regards, (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, JRC 545 & Slinky antenna N-S, ibid.)

Thanks so much Dennis!!! Wow, what a drive. I am sure glad you did not hit the deer and got home safely. OK, it does not look like it is between Vancouver WA and Seattle, at a guess. So maybe between Seattle and Bellingham? But I am really wondering where this station is??? It is still the strongest off the NE EWE. I am guessing the carrier I barely receive during the day is from this Russian, but since I get no audio, it is hard to say for sure. But I do get Central WA/BC into AB with the NE EWE at night too. So maybe the station could be farther NE of me??? But not too far off to the East, as I don't get it on the beverage. Interesting (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

That rules out Vancouver to Seattle pretty much, and also towards Yakima, but maybe Everett North to Bellingham? Maybe even NE into Wenatchee or even Eastern BC/Central AB, but not too far to the East as the beverage does not get it. Interesting to say the least. Boy, did I open up a can of worms reporting the station the other night. Hi. I was hoping for a FE Russian, but after the reception in the afternoon/early evening, that quickly got ruled out (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

Hi Pat/all: I tried for it last night, and had a het on the H-900 whip but nothing on a Quantum Loop tied into a larger crate loop. Given that it only appeared on an untuned antenna, I suspected that it was the KIRO-KOMO mixing product, so I tuned the Quantum Loop base unit to 1000 and 710, and sure enough the het appeared with audio from those two stations.

So, my guess is that it's not anywhere near the Seattle/Tacoma area, since I would at least get a weak het on it. What I heard the other night was probably the mixing product. I'm not that far from Everett and Bellingham as the crow flies, either, with a water path to them. (Kevin Satya, Bainbridge Island, WA, *ibid.*)

This was not strong enough here last night to get a worthwhile null on the loop. Hopefully better luck tonight (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC Canada, *ibid.*)

Kevin, I wonder if there is a Russian population up in Central BC, like around Kamloops? That would since connect [sic] with the directional pattern of the NE EWE. I do get Penticton on 800 like it was across the street. We are ruling out the I-5 area (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*)

I am confident that I heard a female in a foreign language on 1710 Wednesday night while listening on the Eton, bare, outside near the mailbox, away from all the house noise. Last night I took both the 2010 and the Eton outside with the Palomar loop and got nothing but

KIRO/KOMO, (nearby) KKKO garbage and slop from the nearby hypermodulated Part 15 station. Inside using the HQ180 and the Palomar, there was not even anything BFOable.

I was sorry to hear that there was no trace of it down in SW WA because I had asked my brother-in-law to try to track it on his way back from Oregon to Silver Lake (I-5 Exit 59). Also, since I didn't even get a peep last night, I thought perhaps it might be off. In my delusionary state, I thought perhaps the Yiddish station Brooklyn could have been skipping in but turned off for the sabbath. I appear to have exhausted my research resources but am confident it is trackable. There is no doubt in my mind that Pat will ultimately get his verie! (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, *ibid.*)

Thanks for the vote Pete. hi. That is "if" we can figure out where this is coming from. Maybe I should mass-produce the cassette over to a CD and send them out by the dozens and get the word out "What is this?" Hi. It was on last night, but it wasn't until late the signal improved. After 0900 UT (1 AM [sic: 0900 UT = 2 am PDT or 1 AM PDT = 0800 UT --- gh]) the signal was back to normal. Yes, that is a female announcer in Russian (Patrick Martin, OR, *ibid.*)

There are Doukhobors in central/south-eastern BC, but this is a very old immigration. The main new Russian population is in Vancouver, and IMHO, running pirates on 1710 is simply not a Canadian thing to do. My DFing (as primitive as it is) is all to the south. Nick has better access to DFing than I do, so he might be able to comment further. Doubt very much Canada (Walt Salmaniw, BC, *ibid.*)

Pete, I too had very little last night. Not sure whether this was propagation or if the transmitter wasn't there. I do see the blip (even now on the Perseus during the day), but this is more likely an anomaly of my set up, or possibly the KIRO/KOMO mixing product. I'll check again tonight. Definitely skip, though, with the profound fades. Brooklyn? I wish! No, it was Christian, so not the Brooklyn station for certain! (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

I can comment from what I heard Thursday night: This is not a local relay of a Russian (from Russia) station. This is a locally produced program. I've got a pretty good understanding of the style of Russian stations, and this simply doesn't fit the mould at all. I agree with Patrick that it's quite professional sounding, though. My guess is that it's US produced for Russian recent immigrants to the US (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Walt, Thanks for your insight as you know the language and have been tuned in to the Russian stations for a long time. Of course, it was just a guess with me, not knowing the language. There are so many

programs that are done in many languages in the US these days, it could be anything. I know on my big dish I get some Russian channels that are US based (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*) I

Your DF is to the South and mine to the NE, that still points to the Puget Sound, unless there is some other area with a Russian population, off to the West or the East, but it is skip, all right. (Patrick Martin, *ibid.*) You can never be sure whom Pat replies to (gh)

Walt, My recALL-PRO has stopped working. I can record off the radio on microsoft sound recorder and send you a waive file of the Russian station on 1710. If they are in tonight, I will record them and send off a waive file to anyone that would like one (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, *ibid.*)

Sure Dennis, send me the file, and I'll see if I can decipher anything more. Patrick tells me that his collection includes a single ID, so I'll be very interested in listening to it! (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Good evening, Have the ewe in the NE direction at 0313 UT and receiving a level 4 carrier. Hoping for good reception and have the sound recorder ready to go. Walt & Kevin requested the waive file. Sounds like some threshold audio is going through on 1710 kHz at 0316 (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, JRC 545 Ewe NE 50 degrees, UT May 24, *ibid.*)

While we wait on the west coast for some darkness, try 6925U for some incredibly strong Pirate radio activity. It's WTCR, or Twentieth Century Radio. Just ID'd at 0343:30 (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Getting poor/weak audio here occasionally, 0340 UT, talk and music. Static crashes are very strong but not continuous so far (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, R75, big terminated corner loop best for the 1710 signal, *ibid.*)

Steve, Weak at best here on the NE ewe. A noise level here, about S-8. (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, 0349 UT May 24, *ibid.*)

Hello Group, Recorded at 0400 UT the Russian speaking station on 1710 kHz. Fair at best. Will leave the NE ewe up a while and then back to the NW to see if signal improves (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, *ibid.*)

The direction finding this evening is actually pointing towards Canada, but the fading is so erratic on this one that I can't really be certain; it seems to be about 60 degrees (240 degrees seems unlikely I would think, as there's not much population in the northwestern tip of the Olympic peninsula, Russian or otherwise).

There really isn't much USA except for Blaine, WA, at 60 degrees from here. Anybody in the Vancouver area monitoring this? (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC Canada, *ibid.*)

Hearing it here at 0445 UT -- And yes to the fading - If this is, indeed, within the skip zone, I would not have expected it to be as close as Blaine. I think I will power up one of my super-modified E100's and see if I can get a bead on it (Colin Newell, Victoria, British Columbia, *ibid.*)

Dennis, Quite listenable here on peaks with nice Russian music a bit ago. Drake R8, NE EWE (Patrick Martin, 0449 UT May 24, *ibid.*)

Tonight, my ALA 100 oriented to the SW/NW is giving the strongest signal, which coincides nicely with what Nick is seeing. I don't get much out of them until much later in the evening, though (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Hello Guys, For the first time, I'm trying the new 10' box loop at night, and it has two weak signals on 1710 kHz at opposite bearings -- the previously discovered KIRO-710 and KOMO-1000 mixing product at 300 degrees, and another weak station in the null of the mixing product at 030 (or 210) degrees, presumably the Russian. Weak male-voiced audio was heard on this station around 0440 UT, and was not // to either KIRO or KOMO. Kind of tough to get much audio out of it, though, and the getting accurate DF with the mixing product on the frequency is a little tricky. 73, (Gary DeBock, *ibid.*)

Just a thought, but has anyone checked any of the other stations, FCC licensed ones, that run Russian programming at the same time they're hearing the 1710 signal to see if it's some kind of weirdo mixing product? I once heard a mixing product on 1230, a very clear signal from a nearby 1450, and never ever figured out how that came to be! (Paul Walker, *ibid.*)

Hello 1710 searchers, From Pat's location to Steve's location in NE Oregon is 291 miles as the crow flies. My location North of Portland, OR to Walt's location is about 251 miles. That's quite a large area. The best the signal has been here is "fair" with a lot of fading into the noise. It has been heard by Steve and myself around 1200 or later UT. It seems to DXers to the South (Pat, Steve, myself) seem to receive the signal stronger than others? Tonight the signal was fair a few times, but mostly down in the noise. Hopefully Colin can hear this station and add some more information (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, JRC 545 & ewe NW, *ibid.*)

Right now, 0550 UT, the signal is weak/medium on one of its fadeups,

playing light vocal music (Steve NE Oregon, May 24, ibid.)

0600 UT May 23 [sic; posted 24th], using the Perseus to look in detail around 1710, I see three fairly significant carriers at 1709.984, 1710.018 and 1710.033. The two higher frequency carriers are best on easterly bearings, the .984 one isn't showing as much difference but still better to the east/south east.

So which carrier of these, if any, is the Russian that you guys are hearing? There is threshold level audio here by 0610-0620 with 1709.984 being the loudest carrier of the group - but strongest on the 150 degree wire, not the 240 degree one. Mostly a man talking, not in English - at least, not at the very brief times it was loud enough to discern that.

During our April 25th listening weekend, I recall Nigel and myself hearing audio on 1710 but only poorly, and not enough to hazard any guesses or make any notes. At that time it was arriving on the easterly wires too, so we thought of the east coast unlicensed stations that are reported here at times. 73 (Don Moman, VE6JY, near Edmonton, Alberta, ibid.)

Don, Your other carriers better on the bearing must be the pirates in the Boston MA area. One was logged here several months ago. I think the one below 1710 is the Russian one here in the NW (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

Paul, I thought 1590 KLFE Seattle could have been the issue, but Walt checked it out and 1590 was not // with 1710. I know of no other Russian stations on A in the NW (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

Walt saw it at 1709.984 a couple of days ago, Don, but right now (1200 UT), I see it clocking in nearer 1709.982 (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC Canada, ibid.)

I too am getting it at 1709.982 today, 1255 UT, well into daylight. Carrier fades up and down in strength, medium to strong at times, when there is then very poor audio. This is beginning to look like close enough for (barely) groundwave reception here (Steve NE Oregon, ibid.)

The 1710 signal continues to show a good het, well into daylight, with little fading now, currently 1304 utc. In the decrease of nighttime splatter, all the antennas are receiving the het with the N/S longwire and the TA north-pointed big corner loop the best strength. Traces of audio now and then. This might indicate it is indeed on during the daytime and possibly the full 24 hours (Steve NE Oregon, ibid.)

Still getting a decent CW het, 1417 UT but weaker than earlier.

Frequency has shifted a few Hz, 1709.987 (Steve NE Oregon, 24 May, ibid.)

All I had last night was the mixing product, which bears about due south of me, with both 710 and 1000 originating on different places on Vashon Island. Assuming the mystery station is also to the south, nulling the mixing product to the hear the Russian may mean that I have to sell my house and move. But hey, if you've got your priorities in line, you do you crazy things! (Kevin Satya, Bainbridge Island, WA (for now...), ibid.)

The mystery continues! At 1605 UT, I can see a spike on 1709.990 after calibration with IBOC 1380 on the Perseus. I don't know whether this is the same station or a mixing product from Seattle... hmmm (Walt Salmaniw, ibid.)

I have an Aunt who lives in Port Townsend, Washington and I've asked her to check on her radios at home at least once during the day and once at night to see if she gets anything on them. I've also asked her to check next time she's in the car during the day and the evening. I know she also goes to Seattle once a week, so this may or may not help. I don't know when/if she'll do this or if it'll even be useful, but I didn't think it'd hurt to ask her for help. I'll let you know if I hear anything back from her (Paul Walker, ibid.)

I think I had the mixing product within a couple of Hertz of 1710, Walt, and the mystery Russian was drifting up this morning according to Steve R. Nice and steady carrier (no audio) on the east-west ALA100 at 1920 UT here, so ground wave, but not strong enough to get a bearing using the indoor box loop. Approximately 1709.989 at present. (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC Canada, ibid.)

That was the Russian station. I was able to monitor it until about 1605 UT and the frequency at that time was the same as your frequency. Wish I could have stayed another couple of hours. Just home again and checking, 2130 UT, and can't find it (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, ibid.)

Hello, Will the Kiwa loop and Space Magnet loop outside tonight with the Palstar R30cc searching for the 1710 mystery station. Running the R30cc on a 4.5 ah battery and will also have the Kiwa connected to a battery too. Hoping for good conditions tonight for some direction finding of this station (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, 2150 UT May 24, ibid.)

Hi Nick, This might be an important bit of information, your hearing the carrier so late, 1920 UT. Maybe you can continue to check for it throughout the daytime, if you have the time, and see if it stays all

day or eventually goes away.

I was off to church this morning and couldn't stay around to do that experiment for myself, here. I'm aurally listening for the carrier, which was easily heard around 1600 UT, but is not heard when I got home, around 2100. But noise seems to get higher during the day too, so I'm not sure if I'm really losing the signal due to it fading away or because of the higher daytime noise level. But the noise level should be relatively the same for you too, and if you're continuing to hear the signal past when I lose it, maybe it's therefore closer to you (Steve Ratzlaff, *ibid.*)

I'm keeping an eye on it from time to time over this weekend, and every time I look, there's a blip there on Perseus. It's measuring 1709.992 at 2313 UT today. Every indication is that this is a 24 hr operation, and I agree that it's slowly drifting up in frequency (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

I'm finally hearing the carrier once again--I think it's mainly the noise level has decreased a little from the afternoon, to allow hearing it again. 0009 utc. It's very weak. (Hearing it aurally with the 6Hz narrow audio filter switched in.) Appears to be close to 1709.990 (Steve NE Oregon, 0011 UT May 25, *ibid.*)

The major 1710 pirate stations heard here lately are currently on 1710.011 (French Creole) and 1710.034 (Spanish). There is also a strong carrier on 1709.973, but I haven't been able to associate any audio with it. The Lubavitcher station in NYC that formerly owned 1710 here seems to have disappeared (Barry McLarnon VE3JF Ottawa, ON, *ibid.*)

1710 West Coast Sunday night --- 0154 UT [May 25]/6:54p.m. PDT [May 24], medium carrier, already getting a little audio now and then (Steve NE Oregon, *ibid.*)

Friday through Sunday I was camping in central Washington, north of Cle Elum (N. Fork of the Teanaway River, 47°24'16.43"N, 120°55'54.70"W), and checked 1710 kHz frequently from Friday sunset onwards. I brought along the Eton E1, a 10:1 transformer, coax lead-in, and 100 feet of random wire. I also had a handful of smaller receivers like the CCrane SWP, Degen DE1103, and Eton E100 (all stock). I was going to bring along laptops and the Perseus receivers but at the last moment decided the trip was already complicated enough, and left them at home.

The signal of 1710 (~1709.99 as best as I could tell on the E1) was widely variable in signal strength, but the best level was around local sunset on Friday. When I first tuned in, 1710 was at a fair to

good level with Russian language religious programming, but dropped quickly to a mere whisper just a couple minutes later. The rest of the trip they were at threshold level to poor, or sometimes just a carrier. As others have mentioned it seems to be a 24 hours operation. I checked occasionally between midnight and sunrise and heard the same very weak signal and programming.

Using the radios I had on hand which have an internal loopstick (all but the E1), as best as I can tell the bearing was slightly NNW-SSE (~345/165 degrees). Yakima is a city on this bearing to the SSE. However, I don't have a lot of confidence in this due to the weak signal making DF'ing tough. I wish I had thought of trying one of the loopstick radios during the brief period of good signal on 1710 at sunset on Friday (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, 0320 UT May 25, *ibid.*)

1710 Group, Threshold audio here with the NW ewe at 0327 UT? Have two loops in the backyard and hoping they can receive the signal (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, JRC NRD 545 Ewe NW, R30cc Kiwa loop & Space Magnet, *ibid.*)

Re: [IRCA] 1710 carriers in Alberta (Nick receives it still 1920 UT)

Unfortunately, I've been doing other things today, Steve, but it's still good and steady at 0048 UT; sunset isn't for another 3 hours yet. I'd bet that it is closer to here, Steve, as the antennas here are nothing like yours, and yet it's still there. I'll maybe do a narrow band SDR recording of it tomorrow (work day of course) (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC, Canada, *ibid.*)

This carrier is detectable on a 16' x 34' WNW-facing corner-fed loop antenna. Now in at 0315 UT with threshold audio. There's plenty of T-storm QRN but there are gaps between crashes (Chris Knight, Fort Lupton, CO, Drake R8, *ibid.*)

Hi Guy, Thanks for the report. Here in Puyallup there is a weak mixing product of KIRO-710 and KOMO-1000 on 1710 kHz at a bearing of around 310 degrees, which makes an accurate DF of the Russian station at night (which is even weaker) rather tricky. There is no daytime ground wave carrier of the Russian here like Steve and Walt have noticed, even on the new 10' box loop -- just the mixing product. Maybe you will be able to detect two 1710 kHz carriers on your Perseus. If so, you are welcome to borrow any of the large traveling loops here for further investigation. 73, (Gary DeBock, *ibid.*)

Hey Chris: Is it sounding like Russian religious programming? If you are getting it in Colorado, it might not even be in WA State necessarily? (Kevin Satya, Bainbridge Island, WA, *ibid.*)

Hi Kevin, I briefly heard music. No language discernible. The carrier is very weak, barely detectable most of the time. It sounds like anything is possible with this one. If some are hearing it in the daytime (groundwave) it is a good bet that the station is within 50 miles of them. If it was on 530 instead, the groundwave range would be more like 150 miles (Chris Knight, CO, ibid.)

Mostly in the noise here, has peaked a couple times to nearly fair for about 30 seconds then back in the noise. Not being heard on either loop outside. Just the NW ewe. 0446 UT woman in Russian just above the noise (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, JRC 545 Ewe NW, R30cc Kiwa loop & Space Magnet, May 25, ibid.)

I'm hearing what appears to be two separate audios on 1710 tonight. And two carriers, the Russian on 1709.986, and a new one on 1710.012. Both are poor/weak plus there is almost continuous heavy static. 0458 UT (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, ibid.)

Hello, Finally heard 1710 on the Kiwa loop around 0455 utc. Looped exactly North-South. Heard a rise on the NW ewe and went outside and turned the Kiwa North-South and it was there with a fair signal at times. Going to hop in the car with the R30cc and Space magnet mounted on the roof with a magnet and head for the country in search of less noise. Would take the Kiwa, but don't have a fuse control lead for the battery (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, ibid.)

Am hearing the woman in Russian now, 0525 UT, poor/weak. But there's an echo on it, just a few milliseconds apart, just enough to give an echo effect. No sign of the now-weaker second signal, though the carrier is easily heard with narrow audio filter. Chorale music just began, 0529 UT with the same slight echo. The signal is not as good as last night, so far. Good luck, Dennis! (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, ibid.)

With the tentative 60 degrees from here, that's beginning to look like the Blaine, WA area, Dennis. Is there no one in the Vancouver, BC area on the list who could try DFing this? Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC Canada, ibid.)

What an incredible mystery this 1710 presents! I'll really look forward to the solution! Here I'm seeing 4 different signals on my Perseus at 0613. The dominant signal is the Russian in with weak audio on 1709.985. The 2nd strongest is on 1709.999, then I'm seeing two weaker carriers on 1709.980 and 1709.992. There might even be an imaginary carrier on 1710.006 too. Fair with Russian talk as I get ready to pull the plug at 0623 UTC tonight. Best direction is on my south facing broadband loop. Still not as good as it was Thursday night, though. I take that back. The ALA 100 is far better right now

(aimed SW/NW) (Walt Salmaniw, UT May 25, ibid.)

Nick, I drew a line straight North on my map and it went right through Blaine, WA. Also went through Lacey, Bremerton, Port Townsend, Oak Harbor. I have them fair at times tonight, but with a lot of noise. Nothing on the drive by with the Space magnet on the roof of the car. The Mexican station was strong on 1700 kHz.

In about 10 days I'll probably will be in the Leavenworth, WA area. Hope we can ID the location before then. Wonder if there are any Russian Orthodox churches in Blaine? (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, ibid.)

Dennis, Blaine would be inline with the pattern of the NE EWE as I have a phase on 550-KOAC giving me KARI Blaine, so it could be in that area. However Walt has said, it is "skip" for him and I would not think Blaine would be skip, but groundwave. This is a toughie to tie down. 73, (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

Pat, I was surprised when I looked at the compass on top of the Kiwa loop and saw North-South. I checked on line for Russian churches in Blaine and found none. Signal was fair at times here on the Kiwa and NW ewe. Mostly the signal was down in the noise. Sure will be happy when this gets figured out (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, ibid.)

They're erratic, but stronger, at night here Patrick. However, they had a good steady carrier during the day with little fading, so I suspect they're closer to here than to points further south and east. (Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria, BC, Canada, ibid.)

Subject: [IRCA] 1710 kHz Man giving speech

Good Morning, No TP's heard this morning. 1710 kHz, man giving speech or preaching in Russian. Fair signal, better than last night. Fading was not as bad and signal did not disappear into the noise level that long. Time was 1222-1228 UT. Sunrise here is 1230 and station is now weak and fading into the noise level (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, JRC 545 ewe NW, ibid.)

I casually know a ham in the Blaine, WA area; I've just emailed him requesting his help in checking 1710. We'll see what develops from that. Signal weak to medium here this morning the past hour. Usual brief fadeups to decent level, with man with what sounded like impassioned preaching earlier, then vocal music, 1300 UT. Right now, 1306, woman talking, medium/loud level, about the best I've heard it, lasted 40 seconds before fading down to poor level (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, ibid.)

Wayne McFee, NB6M, in Blaine, WA reports nothing heard on 1710 at 1428 UT. Says he'll try again at other times. (No info on equipment used.) (Steve Ratzlaff, (I'm hearing the carrier, 1510 UT, 1709.990), ibid.)

Nick, Their signal isn't bad here at all most nights. In fact, I recorded another hour last night and I now have 2 1/2 hours recorded I am dubbing to CD later today and will mail off a copy to Walt, or for that matter, anyone else that wants one. The signal here is quite decent a lot of the time, but since I don't know Russian, it is hard to know what the dialog is. I do have the one ID(?) on the first cassette. But it looks like Blaine is not the QTH either, so the I-5 area N/S looks doubtful as most has been covered, so you are probably right, East, as the NW EWE the signal is a lot weaker or not there. So places like Aberdeen is probably out. 73, (Patrick Martin, OR, ibid.)

Dennis, Over here, the NE EWE signal gets the signal the best. No sign of it on the beverage. Possible North Central WA at Wenatchee, Chelan, or somewhere there I guess. But this is sure a mystery. 73, (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

I fired up my 7030+ with 100' wire on it at Mom's place in Coquitlam BC (just east of Vancouver about 15km) and got nothing, 1700-1830 PDT yesterday. Also nothing on the car radio driving home just after that. ef (Eric Floden, Vancouver BC, ibid.)

My aunt listened to 1710 AM this morning and didn't hear anything from her Port Townsend, WA location. She said she will check again tonight after sunset. Sincerely, (Paul B. Walker, Jr., ibid.)

Pat, Guessing the precise direction of your NE ewe and knowing the North-South direction heard last night on the Kiwa Loop, I have our patterns crossing at Lacey, WA. My Friday's drive up I-5 to Centralia, I did not hear anything on 1710 kHz. But that part of the trip was during daytime and using a car radio. It's quite possible that the station might have been just outside of the I-5 corridor.

Would it be possible Pat to hook up your loop and give it a try on 1710 kHz. It would be great to get a precise direction from your location. With Nicks and mine we might be able to find this station? (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, ibid.)

Hi Dennis, I can give the Sanserino Loop a shot tonight and see what direction I find. I was thinking of the Olympia area a while ago, as that area has not been checked as yet. If I get some time in the next week or so, I may drive to Aberdeen, over to Olympia, and back down I-5 to Longview and back to the coast. I have a CD of the station going out tomorrow to Walt. I played a bit of the cassette over my cel phone to Bill Block and if we knew Russian, it would be easy to understand

the gal. No problem, as it peaks here at S6-S7 and the noise level in low here, so easy, but I know about 5 or 6 words in Russian and that is it! 73, (Patrick Martin, OR, ibid.)

Pat, That would be great if you could get a bearing on it. The line on my map runs just to the East of Olympia. If John Bryant was at his summer home, we could probably nail this fast. If we have not the station by early June I can listen on our trip to Leavenworth, Spokane and Moses Lake. Plan on spending a night at each location (Dennis Vroom, Salmon Creek, WA, ibid.)

Dennis, I will give it a shot in a while. Hopefully, I can get the time to make the drive up to Olympia too (Patrick Martin, ibid.)

Dennis, It is much better on the NE EWE and much quieter, but I have got a bearing on the Sanserino Box loop, basically to the ENE, aimed South of Olympia, SE of Tacoma. If you keep going straight, you will hit Wenatchee, up towards Eastern BC. Of course bearing could be off a few degrees each way, so from the South Sound, up through North Central WA. Olympia could still be possible. 73, (Patrick Martin, ibid.) [TO BE CONTINUED, IT SEEMS]

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 9-042, 5050: Hi Glenn, correction needed: the frequency with the blank carrier was 5050 but I noted military voice in usb mode. Seemed like EAM messages but very low modulation compared to carrier level so might be two separate signals on that frequency? Carrier was S9 at times with fading to S4. Monitoring over a few days did not reveal any program modulation on this frequency so carrier origin is an unID to me. It is receivable all day unlike WWCR so could be a more "local" signal. WWCR on 5070 was about S3-5 in comparison. Receivers in use: Winradio WR-G313i and RFspace SDR-14 with Datong indoor active AD370 aerial and Sony 7600GR portable. 73 (Dave G8SZX Tower, Glenfield, Leicester, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7250, IRAN, Voice of the Islamic Republic, May 24, 0520-0600. According to PWBR this program is called "Voice of Palestine." At tune-in there was a pleasantly-voiced Muezzin chanting passages from the Qur'an. Very artfully done. This continued until 0530 when a man began talking briefly in Arabic, mentioning Palestine twice, and then there was more Qur'an chanting. At 0555 prayers were recited with responses from the congregation. OM was talking at 0600 tune out. Passport says this program airs from 0345 to 0415. Eibi says 0330-0430 (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA. Equipment: NRD535D and an Alpha Delta dx sloper antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bruce, I'm scratching my head over this one. PWBR `2009` on 7250 looks like 0330-0430 to me, and it says W, which means in the B-season, not the current A-season.

I am wondering if some of the numbers in this item are wrong? Assuming they are not, then I'd be surprised if you were hearing anything but Vatican's daily Latin Mass, which is what I hear on 7250 at 0530-0600 just about any night. Not much like the Qur'an.

Eibi does show 0330-0430 for the Palestine service in Arabic from Iran, but the current summer frequencies for that are 9610 and 11875, and WRTH A-09 update agrees.

I don't understand why you would think something two hours later on a different frequency, or the winter frequency, is the same program?

I can't find anything in current online schedules on 7250 during that hour except Vatican in English, then Latin. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn, I sure hope I didn't report something wrongly; I try to be as certain as possible before reporting. That said, however, it definitely was Arabic. As a former monk, I am certain it was not Latin. I probably should have put 'presumed' because I too pondered the issue. However, after consulting the schedules and pondering some more and with no one else to query at that time of day except the heavens, I just assumed that Iran changed its broadcast time for summer, without bothering to notify anyone. Not something unheard of happening in the world of shortwave radio. In checking Eibi, I went there first looking up the frequency because I only knew I had someone in Arabic, and there was 7250 with Iran on from 0330 to 0430. I also considered the possibility that someone was throwing wrong switches and playing tapes at wrong times in Tehran. If I'm wrong then my ears are going as well as my eyes because it was most certainly Arabic. This signal, by the way, was far less than the beauty that Vatican Radio puts in here every night. I didn't get up in time to check again this morning but at 06:30 Vatican was on as usual with news in English to Europe. Maybe it was a one-off anomaly (Bruce Barker, May 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9202, a mix from Mossad and a bubble jammer at 0537. Against whom?????? Nothing at 0702 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Date? Probably 24 May like the logs before and after; hope there was not a typo in this frequency as in the next, Nigeria on 15200 (gh, DXLD)

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Loads of old soundbites available at  
<http://www.mcdxt.it/ExoticSounds.htm>  
(Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Such as a big collection of Henrik's clips of Peruvian SW stations in the 1990s while he was in Colombia, arranged in frequency order (gh, DXLD)

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FCC SEEKS COMMENTS ON FM IBOC POWER INCREASE

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Last October the FCC solicited comments on a request to allow FM-IBOC stations to operate their digital transmitters at 10% of analog power, compared to the current standard of 1%.

"Joint Parties" (18 station groups holding over 1200 stations and four equipment manufacturers) filed comments supporting the move and requesting prompt action.

NPR indicated they were working on a study that would show how much digital power could increase without interfering with analog reception. They expect results in September.

The FCC is asking four questions:

- Should the FCC wait for the NPR tests before proceeding?
- Does the record of several experimental operations at 10% digital power justify increasing digital power to 10%, or a provisional increase of lesser extent?
- Should the Commission adopt a less-than-across-the-board digital increase? - should there be standards to protect stations on first-adjacent channels?
- If a power increase is adopted, should explicit procedures be adopted to address digital-into-analog interference complaints?

Copies of the request and technical studies are on  
[http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/comsrch\\_v2.cgi](http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/comsrch_v2.cgi) (MM Docket 99-325)

(Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, May 24, WTFDA via DXLD)

#### COMMENTS NEEDED ON PROPOSED FM HD RADIO POWER INCREASE

The FCC is requesting comments on specific issues regarding the proposed +10 dB FM HD Radio (IBOC) power increase. Watch out. For one thing, the Commission is considering granting power increases before NPR's detailed interference studies are completed -- the first comprehensive studies in this field.

The Commission needs to hear from you. The message is: Wait until the facts are determined before doing anything. Analog FM could suffer serious and permanent damage by premature HD power increases. There is short time frame for filing Comments.

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(CGC Communicator May 25 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC or DRM

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#### GOVERNO QUER RÁDIO DIGITAL NO BRASIL EM 2010

22/05/09 --- O rádio digital deve começar a ser utilizada comercialmente no Brasil a partir de 2010. A expectativa é que o governo federal defina a adoção de um modelo até o fim do ano. Nesta semana, o ministro das Comunicações, Hélio Costa, abriu uma consulta pública para discutir, dentro de 180 dias, qual será o padrão.

O anúncio foi feito durante o 25º Congresso Nacional da Radiodifusão, encerrado ontem em Brasília. "O rádio não podia mais ficar analógico em um mundo digital", comemorou o presidente da Associação Brasileira das Emissoras de Rádio e Televisão (Abert), Daniel Slaviero. Segundo ele, a transição de sistema será mais suave e barata do que no caso da televisão. . . . Fonte: Gazeta do Povo via ADNEWS

<http://www.adnews.com.br/eventos.php?id=88610>

(via Marcelo Bedene, dxclubepri via DXLD) see also BRAZIL

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also AUSTRALIA; INDIA

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB OR DRM

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The ability of MW DRM to travel farther than DAB does not surprise me. DAB in the UK uses frequencies between 218 and 230 MHz, where the transmission range is much less (though propagation is much more predictable) than on medium wave (530 to 1600 kHz, or 0.5 to 1.6 MHz). I am, however, surprised that "the area covered by the DRM signal was

much bigger than the one covered by analogue AM" on the same medium wave frequencies. My experience with DRM on shortwave is that the DRM signal will drop out below a certain signal level, whereas the corresponding analogue signal is still audible (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

"Anyone who thinks digital modulation is viable on frequencies where propagation is via skywave is a damn fool. Period. End of discussion." Harry Helms, ABDX, via DX Listening Digest, 19 April 2009. Posted: 25 May 2009 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV  
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#### FCC NIGHTLIGHT AND DTV TRANSITION LIST

There are a few low VHF participating in the "nightlight" program.  
[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1063A2.xls](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1063A2.xls)  
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Once in a lifetime chance (Bill Frahm, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

#### MONTREAL DTV BANDSCAN

I have put up a Montreal DTV bandscan (what can be seen here under normal conditions: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dehQ8qIuOpM>  
Hope you like them. 73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, 45.464167 North, 73.451944 West, May 25, WTFDA via DXLD)

#### MOBILE-DTV SERVICES MOVING CLOSER TO REALITY

May 21, 2009 - 12:14:27 PM By Ken Kerschbaumer

The concept of mobile-TV services delivered via over-the-air DTV-broadcast signals continues to make gains within the ATSC (Advanced Television Systems Committee). Jay Adrick, Harris Broadcast's vice president of Strategic Business Development, discussed the specifics of what could be an ATSC standard by the end of the year at the SVG Transmission Forum, held in New York.

iMobile DTV will be in a trial market ó Washington, DC ó this fall, as seven stations have signed up to provide bandwidth,í said Adrick. iWe are also expecting cell-phone-carrier participation and a number of receiver types to be available.í

In the next couple of weeks, ATSC Mobile DTV (also known as ATSC a153) is expected to become a proposed standard, and it could become a full, accepted standard by September.

The advantage of the over-the-air delivery of mobile-TV services is

that it does not take up valuable cellular bandwidth and is infinitely scalable in terms of users. Most important, it could mean as much as \$2 billion in additional revenues for TV stations and also give the valuation of all TV stations a boost of upward of \$9 billion. With 26 broadcast groups representing 900 TV stations already signed on for the Open Mobile Video Coalition (OMVC), expect mobile video to come to a portable device near you sooner rather than later.

It is also 100% backwards-compatible for existing spectrum and transmission services, and the average modulation power ratios are the same as conventional TV signals, so there is no additional FCC involvement needed," explained Adrick. . .

<http://tinyurl.com/MobDTVforward>

(via CGC Communicator May 25 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

#### RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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WHAT IS THAT RADIO NOISE? Sunday, May 24, 2009

Editor: On the off chance that anyone in St. Helena listens to AM radio, I'm wondering if the cacophony of interference that blasts reception into oblivion, as one drives out the south end of town, has ever been 1) understood, 2) explained, 3) reported, 4) complained of, or 5) even experienced by someone other than me.

It is a spectacular and entertaining set of aural assaults, ranging from that of a giant vacuum cleaner on steroids, to the ocean's roar, followed by passing through a swarm of locusts, and occasionally the coup de grace: a wonderful replica of the gurgle heard when the final dregs of bathtub water plunge down the drain, only much louder.

This major annoyance continues for about a mile, finally subsiding just past the Hall winery. I cannot imagine what causes it, although at times I've suspected broadband transmission equipment may be involved. It renders listening impossible, and I've taken to not turning on my radio until I'm in the clear.

Am I suggesting, or do I expect, any action be taken to remedy the problem? Of course not; but I must admit I'm curious to find out if anyone beside me has ever brought the subject up.

--- James Bell, St. Helena [California, that is]

[http://www.sthelenastar.com/articles/2009/05/24/opinion/letters\\_to\\_the\\_editor/doc4a14b09c690c1552651932.txt](http://www.sthelenastar.com/articles/2009/05/24/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/doc4a14b09c690c1552651932.txt)

(via Kevin Redding, TN, ABDX via DXLD)

LOS ANGELES FCC OFFICE -- OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Every once in a while, the FCC hits a home run with outstanding direction finding work leading to an important bust. The Kevin Bondy case is one of those. The particulars involve a dedicated and industrious jammer causing willful and repeated interference to the radio channels licensed to The Oaks Shopping Center in Thousand Oaks, CA. Wait until you see the details unfold in this case. The proposed fine is \$24,000:

<http://www.fcc.gov/eb/FieldNotices/2003/DOC-290813A1.html>

(CGC Communicator May 25 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD) WQGX752,

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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PLC EXPOSED FOR THE THREAT IT IS IN BRASIL

Colegas. Nosso colega Daniel, do QTC Brasileiro, me enviou essa informa  o sobre o Congresso da ABERT, e com a sua permiss  o eu estou repassando:

   Boa tarde; A poucos instantes recebi um relat  rio completo sobre o Congresso da ABERT, de nosso colega Danilo PU4DNP que esteve presente, realizado em Bras  lia. Danilo me falou da brilhante interven  o realizada pelo nosso colega S  rgio Archango PY2ZX que tamb  m se fez presente no evento.

Nosso colega S  rgio PY2ZX rebateu todas as bondades mostradas pelo Ministro Helio Costa e pela representante da ANATEL sobre o PLC. O S  rgio alertou aos participantes, todos representantes das grandes corpora  es de r  dio que operam em ondas curtas, sobre os perigos do PLC e ainda mostrou grava  es realizadas em v  deo e   udio de testes feitos por Radioamadores, aqui no Brasil, com o PLC.

PARAB  NS aos nossos colegas S  rgio PY2ZX e ao Danilo PU4DNP pela bravura demonstrada e pelo interesse demonstrado em defender a causa do Radioamadorismo Brasileiro.

Cabe ressaltar que NENHUM REPRESENTANTE DA LABRE NACIONAL SE FEZ PRESENTE AO EVENTO. VAMOS EM FRENTE! Forte 73, Daniel PU6ZAA/PX6B6152    73 (via Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B, May 25, dxclubepri yg via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS

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REPORTERO de RAFAEL R. RODRIGUEZ DESDE LA ISLA DE SAN ANDRES  
GEOGR. COORD. : 12 33' 0" Norte , 81 43' 0" Oeste

Desde hace un par de semanas sentí que me hacía falta playa y sol, y gracias a unos días libres del trabajo decidí viajar a la Isla de San Andrés en el Caribe colombiano, que hace parte con Providencia, Santa Catalina y otros cayos del Departamento de San Andrés. Esta Isla es parte de Colombia cuando en 1638 fue anexada al virreinato de la Nueva Granada. Desde 1959 se desarrolla una actividad comercial prolífera en esta isla debido a que fue declarada "puerto libre" y más recientemente fue declarada por la Unesco como [sic]

Desde Bogotá se arriba luego de un viaje de 1 hora y 45 minutos; tiene un excelente infraestructura hotelera y turística que permite desarrollar cualquier actividad de recreación y descanso que se quiera. El Archipiélago está situado al noroccidente del territorio continental colombiano, en el Mar Caribe, entre las coordenadas extremas de 12° 00' y 16° 30' de latitud norte y los 78° 00' y 82° 00' de longitud oeste a 480 millas de la costa colombiana.

Quiero aclarar que las siguientes observaciones no hacen parte de un DX camp como tal, tan solo son escuchas en un viaje de turismo; por eso mi equipo consistió en mi viejo pero efectivo Sony ICF 7600, acompañado de la grabadora digital Sony ICD-P320, WRTH 2008 y libreta de apuntes. Una foto de mí con el equipo:  
(je, je no es mi mejor ángulo!)

#### Situación AM San Andrés

Como un primer objetivo de este viaje, para mí fue chequear la situación de la onda media de la Isla: la cual actualmente se traduce en 4 estaciones, pero que muy pronto serán 5 gracias a una licitación de adjudicación que hizo el Ministerio de Comunicaciones autorizando la operación a William Vinasco CH. de la WV Radio a operar la estación HJR31 en 960 KHz y que ya se encuentra en etapa de montaje.

Así la actualidad radial de la onda media es:

910, HJMY RCN San Andrés; 24 hrs en su mayoría retransmitiendo los 770 kHz desde Bogotá, por algunas horas en la tarde con programación musical generada localmente. No figura ninguna dirección en el directorio telefónico 2009. ID: "...Desde San Andrés Isla RCN Radio 910 AM HJMY, la radio de Colombia."

1110, HJPA LA VOZ DE LAS ISLAS; emisora independiente, generando programación musical y noticiosa localmente. Tiene un horario de transmisión de 1030 a 0300 UT. La dirección que figura en el directorio telefónico es: Avenida Los Libertadores No. 3<sup>ra</sup>-73 of. 204. Tel. + 57 8 5129138

ID: "Desde San Andrés Isla, corazón del Océano Atlántico; emite su



señal La Voz de las Islas, HJPA 1110 kHz banda AM, La Voz de las Islas, presencia colombiana en altamar."

1260, HJHU, CARACOL San Andrés; 24 horas retransmitiendo la señal 810 kHz desde Bogotá, no genera ninguna programación local, ni noticiosa o musical.

1320, HJQI, RADIO LEDA INTERNACIONAL; otra emisora independiente, llevando programación musical autóctona que es una mezcla de reggae con sonidos típicamente caribeños. Con algunos magazines producidos localmente. No figura alguna dirección en el directorio. Presenta algunos problemas de cortes de energía. ID: "...sta es Radio Leda Internacional, L E D A, Leda Internacional, 1320 kHz, HJQI, 10 kW de potencia en antena; transmitimos desde San Andrés Isla, República de Colombia. Radio Leda Internacional, una emisora independiente al servicio de San Andrés, Providencia, Santa Catalina y toda el área del Caribe; Radio Leda Internacional, la emisora de San Andrés."

Otra actividad que me gusta chequear son los NDB en LW, pero tan solo pude escuchar el correspondiente a San Andrés, identificado con las letras S P P operando en los 387 kHz.

Situación FM San Andrés.

La actividad radial en frecuencia modulada del archipiélago, se traduce en la operación de 7 estaciones, de las cuales solo 2 son de carácter comercial, 2 estaciones comunitarias y tres de interés público:

91.5, HKK67, RADIO IMPACTO; emisora comunitaria operada por una organización evangélica, pero que presenta una programación muy secular, con amplio programas musicales por estilos.

ID: "Gracias, muchas gracias por estar escuchando siempre Radio Impacto Estéreo, una emisora comunitaria y cultural al servicio de la gente, transmitiendo desde San Andrés en frecuencia modulada para todo el Caribe colombiano, HKK67, Radio Impacto Estéreo, 91.5 la FM, al servicio de la gente."

94.5, HJA91, MARINA ESTERO; emisora de interés público operada por la Armada Nacional de Colombia; retransmite en algunas horas programación producida en Cartagena y Buenaventura. La programación local se reduce musical Vallenata, presenta también mensajes institucionales del Ejército y la Armada. ID: "Cadena radial de la Armada, día y noche navegando en el dial, para llegar a cada parte del territorio nacional."

Un importante anuncio que hace cada tanto es la promoción a la

frecuencia de 8210.5 kHz en USB como canal para el contacto y seguridad naval.

97.5, HJSK, TROPICANA ESTEREO; emisora comercial de la cadena del mismo nombre operada por Caracol; con programación musical de todos los géneros tropicales, por algunas horas enlazada satelitalmente con Bogotá.

99.5, HJXP, RTVC; emisora de interés público de la Radio Televisión de Colombia (antes INRAVISION), con señal desde Bogotá, no tiene ninguna programación local.

100.5, HJN25, LA MEGA; emisora comercial de la cadena del mismo nombre operada por RCN; con programación musical de todos los géneros tropicales, por algunas horas enlazada satelitalmente con Bogotá.

102.5, HKK68, GOOD NEWS RADIO; emisora comunitaria operando desde la Isla de Providencia con una muy particular programación religiosa en idioma inglés y en "patois" un dialecto propio de los isleños. ID: "You are listening 102.5 Good News Radio, God Blessing you."

105.5, RADIO POLICIA NACIONAL; estación de interés público perteneciente a la cadena radial de la Policía Nacional de Colombia; con bastantes horas producidas desde Bogotá y enlazada satelitalmente; localmente con algunas horas de programación musical y presentando mensajes institucionales.

Ahora un repaso a las escuchas sobre la actividad radial captada de la zona Centroamericana y del Caribe las horas y fecha corresponden a tiempo UT.

530, Cuba CM??, Radio Enciclopedia, La Habana? 0220 14-05; presentando programación cultural y comentarios sobre exposiciones en La Habana. "Est. en sintonía de Enciclopedia. "

560, Panamá, HOH2, RPC Radio, Colón. 2254 12-05; hora: "en RPC son las 5 y 55 minutos", programa Emisión Vespertina. Luego de las 2300 pgm Planeta Deportivo. (Material promocional recibido de la emisora en 1999)

570, El Salvador. YSYXR, Radio Libertad. San Salvador. 2320 12-05 (ex Radio Exus) programación musical de baladas en español e inglés. "est. s en Radio Libertad, 570 AM, al ser las 5 y media seguimos con mas música." Presenta problemas con el audio del micrófono. El 13-05 a las 2205 con ID: "Y X R, Radio Libertad 5-70 AM, una emisora de cadena radial YSKL."

{comments posted later on the condig list, via Conexión Digital:

Saludos desde El Salvador. Gracias por compartir tus experiencias DX en San Andr s. Me llama mucho la atenci n tu log de los 570 kHz porque en este momento estoy sintonizando esa frecuencia y sigue siendo una radio de la corporaci n Renacer, de hecho en este momento est  retransmitiendo los 870 kHz de Radio Renacer <http://www.renace.org>

En esta frecuencia suelen retransmitir las radios de dicha organizaci n cat lica y suele identificarse cuando tiene programaci n propia como 5-70 La Voz del Amor o Radio Exus, hasta donde s , NO pertenece a la corporaci n YSKL <http://www.corporacionyskl.com> --- sin embargo ya he escuchado en esta frecuencia la identificaci n "YXR", y los problemas de modulaci n a que te refieres. En El Salvador, las frecuencias mantienen sus indicativos a n cuando cambien los nombres de las emisoras o sus propietarios, as  que 570 deber a ser siempre YSKT. Creo que esto merece una investigaci n.

Si tienes grabaci n de este log te agradecer a me lo enviaras o los subieras a alg n sitio, me despierta mucha curiosidad. Muchos Saludos desde Opico, La Libertad, El Salvador. Humberto Molina (17/5/09)}

{570, Radio Libertad desde Costa Rica --- Hola colegas. Gracias a la inquietud planteada por el amigo Humberto Molina desde El Salvador por mi reporte de Radio Libertad como ex-Radio Exus, saqu  en "limpio" el audio y confirmo que se trata de: Radio Libertad, TILR, 570 kHz, lo que ser a ex- Radio La Manuda, seg n WRTH 2008.

No s  si en el WRTH 2009 ya se encuentra este cambio. Consultado la p gina de CANARA (C mara de la industria radiof nica en Costa Rica) figura esta emisora y en Google aparecen otras referencias a la misma. Buen DX Rafael Rodr guez, Bogot , Colombia (19/5/09)} [WRTH 2009: todav a Radio Manuda --- gh]

610, Honduras, HRLD, Radio Am rica, Tegucigalpa. 1040 13-05. Programa: Noticiero al minuto. Con reportes de corresponsales. "desde Puerto Cort s para Radio Am rica, adelante Tegucigalpa." Al dar la hora: "Noticiero al minuto de Radio Am rica, las 4 y 49 minutos." Slogan: La Voz informativa del pueblo, como WRTH 2008.

620, Nicaragua, YNN, Radio Nicaragua. Managua. 0150 16-05 programa: C ber-noticias, promo: prevenci n de la influenza. ID "A o 30 de la Revoluci n, Radio Nicaragua, voz de la naci n."

630, Panam , HOJ35, Radio Provincias, Chitre. 0005 13-05 transmisi n deportiva de la final nacional de B isbol, Panam  Metro vs Los Santos. "con la se al de m s cobertura, Radio Provincias, AM 630, la oficial." mencionan web <http://www.radioprovincias630.com>

640, Panamá, HOK22, CPR Radio. Colón. 1622 14-05 Música cumbia panameña. Al dar la hora "11 con 33 minutos en la mañana, CPR la primera, 11:33 minutos; 640 AM y 101.5 en breve con la presentación de nuestro informativo." Promo "24 horas con la música típica, C P R la primera en los 640 AM."

670, Honduras, HRN, La Voz de Honduras. Tegucigalpa, 1050 15-05, programa: Diario Matutino. Con noticias locales e informaciones de correspondientes. "para HRN, la Voz de Honduras desde la costa marítima y al calor de Caribe hondureño informo." Al dar la hora: "en la Voz de Honduras, 4:54 minutos, la hora 4:54 minutos."

690, Panamá, HOR43, Radio Veraguas. Santiago. 1035 13-05. Programa: Orientado al productor. ID: "Veraguas, tierra de patriotas, poetas, escritores, compositores, gente que trabaja; y una gran emisora, Radio Veraguas, voz viva de Panamá."

690, Panamá, HO??? (pres) Evangelio Vivo. Panamá. 0045 16-05. Precisamente con transmisión de predicación en vivo. Mencionan Iglesia casa sobre la roca de Panamá.

720, México, XEAVR, Radio Fórmula. Veracruz. 1101 15-05 Retransmitiendo 970 XERFR. Anuncios de Banorte y TV por Cable. Mencionando web <http://www.grupoformula.com.mx> Completa ID: "Somos grupo Fórmulam XERFR 970 AM transmitiendo desde la Ciudad de México con 50 mil watts de potencia. Desde Avenida Universidad 1273, Colonia del Valle a toda la República Mexicana y a los Estados Unidos. 970 AM la Fórmula 1; somos grupo Fórmula."

740, Nicaragua, YNRS, Radio Sandino. Managua. 2240 15-05. Anuncios de la lotería nacional, luego comentarios locales, ID a las 2259 "YNRS, Radio Sandino, la S grande; 740 amplitud modulada y 107.5 frecuencia modulada. La S grande transmite desde Managua, capital de la República de Nicaragua." Continuó programación musical "la S grande, grande en música."

750, Panamá, HO??? Radio La Inolvidable. Chitre. 0040 13-05 retransmitiendo la señal de Radio Provincias 630 con la transmisión del 6to juego de la final del béisbol panameño. Promo de la transmisión "El béisbol nacional a través de Radio Provincias 630 AM para Chitre y provincia central; Radio la Inolvidable en los 750 AM y Radio Avivamiento 1530 AM cubriendo el Palmar, Colón y Darién. Todo el país, una sola señal con el deporte favorito de los panameños, el béisbol."

790, México, XERC, Formato 21. Cd. México. 1110 15-05. Noticias locales del sector turismo, y del descenso económico por la crisis global. "Irma Lozada Formato 21", "su guía en la gran ciudad Reporte

Vial de Formato 21"

860, Panamá, HOL55, Radio Reforma. Chitre. 2350 14-05. Muchos anuncios comerciales que patrocinan la transmisión deportiva por la final del béisbol panameño. "a través de Radio Reforma, la final se oye en vivo."

890, Cuba, CMDZ, Radio Progreso. Chambas. 0150 13-05. Programa: Ritmos. Presentado música popular cubana en una sección llamada La Cueva del Piano Bar. Promo para la emisión de adaptaciones de obras literarias mundiales al mejor estilo cubano. Luego a las 0240: "Gracias por mantenerse en nuestra sintonía; vamos a brindarles una nueva emisión de este su programa Tríos en la Noche, que llega a ustedes de lunes a viernes a las 10 y 40 por Radio Progreso, la emisora de la familia cubana." completa ID: "Radio Progreso, Cadena Nacional; la onda de la alegría transmitiendo desde La Habana, Cuba; primer territorio libre en América." Notada en // 690 Jovellanos y 750 Trinidad.

890, Panamá, HOQ62, Radio Ritmo Estéreo. Chitre. 0000 14-05 música tropical. ID a través de Jingle "97.5 en FM su señal, en los 890 AM también la vas a encontrar; Radio Ritmo Estéreo, tan panameño como tú. Radio Ritmo Estéreo."

900, México, XEW, W Radio, Cd. México. 1110 13-05, noticias locales sobre la reducción en la producción automotriz, banda de secuestradores Zodiaco. México unido contra la delincuencia. "que nos espera en las calles; panorama vial." "Llegamos a la primera pausa en el hoy x hoy de la mañana; nos esperan 3 horas y 45 minutos de información, debate, discusión, entrevistas y eso sí, música no violenta, todo eso y más en la edición de hoy por hoy. 51668900 y 0 800 780 14 14 hableme. W radio, voz y oído de todos, cadena W." Promo contra la influenza, elecciones voto por el PAN.

Mi primera escucha de esta legendaria radio conocida alguna vez como La Voz de América Latina, cuyo nombre se reproduce en una cadena de estaciones operadas por el Grupo Prisa a través de Unión Radio, propietario de Caracol en Colombia y otras radios en países como España, Chile, Ecuador y México.

970, Panamá, HOS97, Ondas Centrales. Santiago. 0000 13-05, Anuncio campaña Hablemos Bien. "una campaña educativa del noticiero el provinciano de Ondas Centrales y Super Estéreo 99.5." Comerciales de Supercarnes, hipotecaria metro, Mi Diario, Banco Nacional de Panamá, "música merengue. "Gracias, Veraguas, por esta gran sintonía, Ondas Centrales, 970 AM, La Sultana del Aire y Súper Estéreo 99.5, llegando a sus sentidos."

990, Cuba, CMAP, Radio Guam. San Luis. 0210 14-05. Saludos y complacencias musicales. Promo a la Radionovela: Pecados. Mensaje de apoyo a los 5 retenidos en USA por espionaje. Programa de humor: El Show del Flaco ID: ``...sta es Guam, la se0al sonora de la familia pinare0a."

1020, Panam. HO???, (pres), Radio Anc0n. Panam., 1130 15-05 (TC-5). "Hemos presentado el informativo Al Salir el Sol, un r-pido vistazo informativo, noticias nacionales e internacionales... Al Salir el Sol.

1140, Panam., HOB49, Radio Panamericana. Panam.. 0115 16-05, m'sica cumbia paname0a en largas tandas. Al dar la hora "8 y 24, Èsta es Panamericana." Promoci0n actividades artìsticas con intÈrpretes locales. "Otro evento transmitido por Radio Panamericana".

1150, Cuba, CMKX, Radio Bayamo. Granma. 0018 16-05, Acusando recibo de correspondencia de oyentes en el programa: Como ninguno. Mencionan correo electr0nico en comoninguno @ rbayamo.icrt.cu Luego con la programaci0n de actividades culturales para el fin de semana.

1410, Panam., HOH779, Radio MensabÈ. Las Tablas. 1029 15-05 intro al programa: Amanecer con Cristo en mi Rancho. "El templo manantial de vida de las iglesias libres de Panam., se complace en presentar su programa Amanecer con Cristo en mi Rancho, el programa con sabor a tierra dentro, con consejos para el hombre de campo, con el poder del mensaje del evangelio de nuestro se0or Jesucristo. Amanecer con Cristo en mi Rancho llega a ustedes a travÈs de sus emisora amiga Radio MensabÈ." En otros horarios captada con transmisi0n deportiva o musical, una de las mejores se0ales.

(parte de una verificaci0n recibida de esta emisora) [caption]

1530, Panam., HO???, Radio Avivamiento, Panam.. 0245 15-05. Con predicaci0n del evangelio y mensajes de prevenci0n contra el A H1 N1. TambiÈn captada el 13-05 enlazada con radio provincias 630 y 750, La inolvidable para transmisi0n del beisbol.

1540, Bahamas, ZNS1, Radio Bahamas Netw., Nassau. 2320 15-05 "Oldies 15-40 here in Radio Bahamas."

1590, Costa Rica, TILGJ, Radio 16, Grecia. 2340 15-05, Anuncio de actividades religiosas. Luego con precios de productos agrìcolas. Pgm: Radioperi0dico el Arado. Mencionan web <http://www.radio16.com> Luego el programa: "16 deportivo"

Escuchas de otras regiones

540, Ecuador, HCFA2, Radio Tropicana. Guayaquil, 1035 15-05 "Somos

Tropicana 540." Programa: Despierta Ecuador

940, USA UnID?? 0214 14-05, noticias deportivas menciona "Fox Sport"  
[no doubt WINZ Miami new format --- gh]

1700, USA, KVNS, Brownsville TX, 0158 16-05, m'sica rock. "Classic  
rock and roll, only on Radio 1700, K V N S Brownsville in the real  
great valley." Luego "KVNS news now." [real great or Rio Grande?]

Observaciones:

La radio de la zona de centroamerica tiene limitados sus horarios de  
transmisi n; la mayor a cierran hacia las 01 o 02 UT y sus canales son  
ocupados por la cadenas cubanas como Radio Reloj y Radio Rebelde que  
tienen casi una emisora en cada frecuencia; lo que hace muy dif cil es  
escuchar algunas otra estaciones.

A pesar de la cercan a de San Andr s con Nicaragua, solo se pueden  
escuchar las estaciones m s representativas y aun as  dejan que desear  
en cuanto a la calidad del audio y programaci n.

Ten a expectativas en sintonizar emisoras de la banda extendida que  
operan en esta zona y Estados Unidos, pero no se dejaron escuchar.  
Considero que con otro tipo de receptor y antenas en San Andr s se  
pueden realizar mejores captaciones; lo m o fue algo en vacaciones.

En los proximos d as har  un audio con identificaciones y promos que  
estar  colgando en alguna p gina o enviando a quien lo desee.  
Rafaelcoldx @ yahoo.com

Buen DX, Rafael Rodriguez R., Bogot  D.C. - COLOMBIA  
(via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

ROBERTAS POGORELIS, GUADELOUPE, MEDIUMWAVE-DX, APRIL 2009

Dear Glenn, Hope you re doing well. Long time since were in touch.

I would like to report on my DX catches in Guadeloupe from 4 to 12  
April, during my holiday there. It s not the first time I ve taken my  
radio with me on my holiday   yet this time the results by far  
exceeded any of my previous DX experiences abroad. I mostly limited my  
listening to medium wave   yet even here I could hardly manage to  
itake control  of the entire band, as I only had limited time to  
devote for listening.

What I found very rewarding was the fact that, simply by changing the  
direction of my SONY ICF SW-7600GR I was easily able to hear two  
different stations on the same frequency without much interference! My

catches ranged from Brazil and Ecuador to the US. I was also very glad to catch quite a few US stations.

By far the largest number of signals was coming from Puerto Rico (NW direction) and Venezuela (SW direction). Colombia came next. I also heard quite a few Caribbean stations, many of which have been bought or hired by religious organizations.

Hope you find it useful for WOR and other purposes (feel free). Any comments welcome, especially regarding UNIDs.

Best wishes (Robertas Pogorelis, May 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RECEIVER: SONY ICF SW-7600 GR with an inbuilt antenna.

PLACES OF LISTENING:

4/4 (evening), 5/4 (early morning) - Port Louis

5/4 (evening), 6/4 (daytime and evening) - Bis Sainte-Rose

7/4 (evening), 8/4 (morning and evening), 9/4 (morning) - Le Bourg, Terre-De-Haut

10/4 (evening) - Saint-Claude

11/4 (evening), 12/4 (morning) - Sainte-Anne

I highlighted the details that do not correspond to my WRTH 2007 information, as well as more interesting UNIDs.

[His boldface hiliting here indicated by \*\*\*\*. gh has made some spelling corrextions and added accents, but more significant comments are added in []. I have not reconfirmed all his IDs with WRTH 2009, or NRC AM Log 2008-2009, but I have consulted them to help clarify some things or with unIDs. There may well be some new names or slogans discovered here, e.g. PR 1600.

Before publishing here, Robetas' original report was reposted by gh on some other lists, and relevant comments from Dario Monferini, Mark Connelly, Neil Kazaross and HÅkan Sundman have been inserted below in {braces} --- Glenn Hauser]

#### BAHAMAS

1540, R. Bahamas (in English). 4/4 2305 UT, SINPO 45344. "Evening News" program: interview about illegal immigration to Bahamas; another interview about campaign "Buy Bahamian". Followed by advert of maternity and injury benefit, a religious conference. Then into political talk about elections. 2315 UT advert of Texaco scholarships, a karaoke party, Grocery Island, Jack & Jill dress store. Then into "Sports Saturday" with Julian Gibson.

#### BARBADOS



900, Caribbean Broadcasting Company, Barbados. 7/4 0158, SINPO 35444. Song "What Do You Do to Me" by Charlie Wilson(?), ID as "Caribbean Broadcasting Company", announcement: "In Barbados the time is 10 o'clock". Followed by BBC Caribbean Report about Jamaican Prime Minister's decision to cut his salary, job security, banana import tariffs, Bahamas company sacking two employees because of their hairstyle. Time announcement at 0215, followed by song "Rest Your Love On Me" by Andy Gibb.

9/4 1051, SINPO 22433. Football talk, mention of Liverpool and "Chelsea", frequency 94.7 FM announced, song containing words "my happiness". News at the hour, mentioning Bradley Adams International Airport in Jamaica, Antigua-based company going bankrupt. Mention of R. St Lucia.

1160, Caribbean R. Lighthouse, Barbados (religious). 7/4 0309, SINPO 34434. Voice of Russia in English? (relay).  
9/4 1107, SINPO 44444. BBC News, then at 1111 Bible lesson.

#### BRAZIL

1100, R. Globo, S, Paulo, Brazil. 8/4 0057, SINPO 33333.  
12/4 0143, SINPO 24333. Talk in Portuguese about Botafogo, clear ID, mention of Vasco da Gama.

1200, UNID Brazilian {Probably R. Cultura S. Paulo (DM)}  
{Probably ZYH585 Fortaleza which used to dogfight with YVOZ at or before sunset back when WKOX was either a daytimer or an easily-nulled weaker station at night. Now along the shore north of Boston WKOX is a fire-breathing dragon out of the higher powered Newton site that is only 5 miles inland versus 20 miles for the former Framingham QTH.  
1200 is pretty well trashed now around here. ó Marc Connelly, MA, NRC}

1220, R. Globo (tentative), S, Paulo, Brazil. 5/4 0127, SINPO 23433.  
7/4 0140, SINPO 24322 to 24333. [1220 Globo is Rio de Janeiro. Only Brazilian on frequency unlike almost all other MW channels --- gh]

1510, UNID Brazilian. 8/4 0109, SINPO 23422. Talk in Portuguese. {T00 MANY POSSIBILITIES (DM)}

#### COLOMBIA

650, R. Nacional de Colombia, Antena 2, Bogota. 8/4 0111, SINPO 33333 to 34433. Political talk, mention of "partido", "pucha", "millionarios", Cali, "un equipo". [break in listening] At 0143, advert of a sandwich shop, Productos Anonio Manon near Texaco petrol station in Polvorin(?).

9/4 0229, SINPO 33423. Sports talk, advert of Productos Manon.

680, R. Nacional de Colombia. 8/4 0923, SINPO 23322. Clear ID.

690, R. Recuerdos (Colombia). 8/4 0151, SINPO 33423.

730, R. Líder, Colombia. 8/4 0301, SINPO 22433. 8/4 1004, SINPO 54444, deteriorating to 33433. Latest news related to Iraq, Peru (trial of Alberto Fujimori), terrorism ("150 kg de peso"), Bolivia (mention of Evo Morales). Telephone reports, weather. ID as "Radio Líder Õ de Bogota".

9/4 0132, SINPO 33333. Clear ID: "A toda hora y en todo lugar ñ Radio Líder".

770, RCN (Radio Cadena Nacional), Colombia. 8/4 0934, SINPO 32433. Clear ID.

910, RCN (Radio Cadena Nacional), Colombia. 6/4 0102, SINPO 32433. Talk about a military operation involving the US, comparison with the situation in Palestine.

1000, RDN (Radio Difusora Nacional), Colombia. 10/4 2352, SINPO 33333. Clear ID.

1060, R. Surcolombiana, Neiva, Colombia (tentative). 11/4 0045, SINPO 23422. Religious program, mention of website amojesus.com, talk about peace, music, advert of program "Cruzada", preaching [Google helped with IDing this one].

1200, UNID Colombian (?), talking about guerrilleros. {Probably <http://www.radiosupercali.com/> DM}

1260, Caracol Colombia, 5/4 0129, SINPO 22433. Into "Noche rumba, noche de alegria", followed by ID. {YES, Station in San AndrÈs CARACOL on 1260 kHz from San AndrÈs Island, 1 kW (DM)}

CUBA {see <http://media-radio.cubasi.cu/> (DM)}

580, R. Rebelde (presumed), Cuba. 6/4 0023, SINPO 23333. Program "Ventana al mundo".

600, R. Rebelde, Cuba. 8/4 0154, SINPO 23422. Mention of Camag,ey, sports talk, "tradiciciÛn deportiva de Rebelde".

620, R. Rebelde (Cuba). 9/4 1012, SINPO 35333. ID heard.

710, R. Rebelde (presumed), Cuba. 9/4 0131, SINPO 32322. Mention of

Cuba.

770, UNID Cuba. 8/4 0935, SINPO 32433. Talk about capitalism, mention of Cuba.

840, R. Rebelde (?), Cuba, 8/4 0254, SINPO 22433. Sports talk, mention of "equipo de Santiago de Cuba".

910, UNID Cuba. 8/4 0308 SINPO 43433.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC {PLEASE SEE

<http://republicadominicana.livio.com/index.php?cid=92> (DM)}

650, R. Universal (presumed), Dominican Rep., 8/4 0145, SINPO 33333. Talk about saving electricity, football. Advert of a currency exchange outlet in Santo Domingo. Then into sports talk.

9/4 0138, SINPO ??. Mention of Plaza de Salud, tentative ID as WMVA (probably wrong), advert of a bank, mention of "todo el país", "Radio deportiva".

730, R. HIZ, Dominican Republic (tentative). 8/4 0136, SINPO 32433. Mention of "rabe", "dominicano".

1600, UNID Dominican Rep. (R. Revelación en América??). 7/4 0228, SINPO 32433. Advert of Premio Computer, mention of República Dominicana.

1680, R. Senda, Dominican Rep. (religious). 7/4 1014, SINPO 25422. Religious talk in Spanish.

8/4 0110, SINPO 25422. "Radio Senda presenta", religious talk.

1700, UNID in Spanish (R. Eternidad, Dominican Rep.??). 8/4 0316, SINPO 25322. {Radio Eternidad transmite 9 horas de programación en la frecuencia 1700 AM desde Santo Domingo capital de la República Dominicana. (DM)}

ECUADOR

990, 8/7 0310 R. Tarqui, SINPO 22322. Hosted by male and female, mention of "país rabe", Paso Real, Radio Tarqui, "noticias ecuatorianas", mention of Cuba.

GRENADA

540, Catholic R. (GDM??), Grenada. 12/4 (Easter day) 0900, SINPO 43333 to 44344. Call signs after 0900, Christian song "Bring It Up" followed by another song, ID as Catholic Radio, GDM(?), address announced at PO Box 535, St Georges. Followed by song with refrain "Morning has

broken".

12/4 0202, SINPO 45544. BBC World Service news.

12/4 0348, SINPO 34333. Talk about how important hospitality was for Jesus, song, prayer, host reading a medieval poem by George Feather (?). BBC World Service program at 0400.

[surely Catholic Radio was a Sunday morning/Easter program, not the name of the station, or did you mis-hear ``Klassik AM'', the slogan now used by Grenada Broadcasting Network, GBN? --- gh]  
{see <http://www.klassicgrenada.com/> (DM)}

1400, Harbour Light R., Grenada (religion in English). 7/4 0237, SINPO 33322 to 44434 (very varying, average 34433). Mention of "Radio Missionary Service of the Lord Jesus Christ", Grenada, AM and FM frequencies, 250 watts for the latter, "non-profit service program", Harbour Light R., telephone 473 37648, email harbourlight@5isles.com website harbourlightradio.org Request to tune in the next day at 5:53(?) in the morning. National Anthem at 0243. Off air at 0244.

#### GUADELOUPE

640, R. Guadeloupe. 7/4 0114, SINPO 55555. Talk in French Creole.

#### GUATEMALA

1570, R. Voz Evangélica de América, Guatemala. 11/4 0125, SINPO 24322. Clear ID, invitation to have breakfast together on 19 April, mention of "La Gran Radio Maratón", Mariachi music at 0130, then into program "Los Comisionados de Cristo".

#### GUYANA

560, Voice of Guyana (R. City, VOG). 12:04 03:04, SINPO 23322. Telephone conversation --- some competition related to football, invitation to "celebrate the spori [story?] of Easter". At 0312 ID as "Radio City(?)", the Voice of Guyana, VOG with Caribbean sound". Followed by a song.

#### MEXICO

560, R. La Acerera (tentative). 6/4 0020, SINPO 23422. Talk about historical events that happened on the day of 5 April (in different years). Mentioned 5 April 1939, then mention of "Presidente de la Rep'blica maestro Rûmulo [Díaz de la] Vega, ID as "Radio Ö.era", mention of "actualidad informativa".

If this was indeed R. La Acerera, it would be rather strange to receive this station and not other Mexicans, which are closer to

Guadeloupe. But with radio, you never know.

[this is XEGIK, 1.4/0.25 kW, Monclova, Coahuila well inland, 24h per WRTH 2009. Yes, R mulo - Vega was a Mexican president. I don't see any other 560 Mexicans ending in ---era, but this is pretty flimsy --- gh]

{see <http://laacerera.com/> (DM)} [logo DM sends shows an oil barrel being poured out --- acerera = oil supplier   gh]

{I really don't think this logging is from XEGIK. I heard them here a couple times during the fall of 2007 and the ID is "La Acerera" as listed and never a mention of Radio in the slogan. Also they were playing norte a type music in the evenings.

Here's from wikipedia: "When General Carrera left the presidency of the Republic, R mulo D az de la Vega was designated temporary President by the leaders of the military garrison. His government lasted 22 days, from September 12 to October 3, 1855."

I very very strongly believe that something other than XEGIK was heard. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, IRCA via DXLD)}

MONTSERRAT [only FM item herein]

95.5 MHz, 6/4 2354 ZJB Radio, Montserrat. SINPO 45555. Christian preaching in very emotional voice, containing many inserts "Glory to God" and Hallelujah, mentioned "This mission of Montserrat", quote Revelation 4:11. At 2350 song "Worship Him". At 0003 (7/4) mention of Radio Ministry Bible Ammunition(?), mentioned that there was going to be no broadcast on Easter Monday, short music. At 0005 invitation to a press conference on geothermal energy.

NETHERLANDS (non)

940, R. Nederland (via 940 AM, Puerto Rico). 8/4 0308, SINPO 43444. Talk about political problems in Central America, ID. [see also PR]

PUERTO RICO

550, WPAV. 7/4 0120, SINPO 23333. Clead ID, mention of Natalia, "doctorcita".

12/4 0402, SINPO 33433. Clear ID. [no, it is WPAB, sounds same]

580, WKAQ 12/4 0328, SINPO 35434. Advertises of Toyota, restaurant, Agosto cleaning service near Texaco petrol station, ID. 0331   mention of "Esquina musical", carretera, responsabilidad, Grado A, 25 de abril, caballos, telephone conversation.

\*\*\*\* 600 WKAQ (relay??). 7/4 0344, SINPO 33333. Advice by telephone about domestic violence problems, mention of Armando Valentín, ID.

[600 in PR is WAEL, R. 600, Mayagüez, no connexion with WKAQ-580 in WRTN 2009. BUT, must be outdated, as in NRC, 600 is now WYEL, and it is // Radio Reloj, i.e. WKAQ 580 at the other end of the island --- gh]

630, WUNO NotiUno (Puerto Rico). 8/4 0913, SINPO 32433. "Noticias cada 1 [sic: 10? Cf 910] minutos", advert of a restaurant, Norberto González bookshop, announcement of a concert on 23 April, announcement of FM frequency, talk mentioning Peluche and Coquico(?) companies, later mention of Iraq(?), [break] "policía criminal", "fiscales", "caso criminal", Siemens, advert, "número de asesinados en Puerto Rico".

680, Cadena WAPA (\*\*\*\*YAPA??), Puerto Rico. 8/4 0923, SINPO 22332. ID: "Escucha YAPA, cadena de noticias". [may have sounded like Yapa, but surely it is still WAPA, play on words for ``Guapa``, cute --- gh]

710, WKJB \*\*\*\*R. Isla Preferente (Puerto Rico). 7/4 0953, SINPO 23333. ID, commercials.  
8/4 0931, SINPO 32433. Clear ID, mention of "Departamento de familia", Puerto Rico. [WRTN has it just as R. Isla, Mayagüez --- gh][see 1320!]

740, WIAC (presumed), Puerto Rico. 6/4 0025, SINPO 34333. Talk in Spanish about problems of a local school.

760, WORA - NotiUno, Puerto Rico. 8/4 02:43, SINPO 44544. Mention of "plebiscito", "proyecto".  
8/4 0933, SINPO 44544. Talk about Cuba-US relations, mention of Puerto Rico.  
9/4 1016 SINPO 33433 to 43444. Mention of Obama, Puerto Rico, "sindical". At 1015 ñ program "La Historia ñ un informe del tiempo".  
12/4 0334, SINPO 33433. "Tema libre" ñ political discussion about whether Puerto Ricans want independence from the US, hosted by Michelangelo (..), "Contacto NotiUno".

810, WKVM, Puerto Rico (presumed) (?). 6/4 0036, SINPO 45444. Mention of "Radio Isla Precedental" (?), religious program in Spanish, advert of program "Buena noticia", mention of Buenos Aires, tel. 247-7506, email Ö.maestros@yahoo.com, invitation to pray for those ill and suffering, mention of many family names (Veracruz, Calderón, Martí RiberaÖ).  
8/4 02:50, SINPO 43433. Mention of Avenida Santa Bonita, mention of "equipo de Corozal", "equipo de Ballamones".

[this one recently sold to the Catholix; cf 710 and 1320, 1490. I

haven't figured out or Googled what the word after Isla is ---  
Precedental or Preferente or what? --- gh][see 1320!]

{YES IS WKVM CAUSE COROZAL & BALLAMONTES ARE 2 TEAMS of BALONCESTO de  
MAYAGUEZ (DM)}

840, WXEW NotiUno, Puerto Rico. 7/4 1002, SINPO 24333. Mention of  
González, "proceso legal", abogados, "proceso legislativo".  
8/4 0957, SINPO 32433. Talk mentioning "la medicina preventiva",  
"departamento de salud", "fiscales", "investigación", "accidente",  
lottery talk, ID: "NotiUno de la mañana".  
9/4 1019, SINPO 45544. Advert of Farmacia Los Angeles, ID as "NotiUno  
Historia 840".

850 UNID from Puerto Rico [WABA, Waba La Grande, Aguadilla ñ WRTH]

910, WUNO NotiUno (Puerto Rico). 9/4 1025. "Noticias cada 10 minutos",  
advert of funeral services, mention of Baptist church, ID at 1028 as  
WUNO.

940, "940 AM", Puerto Rico, with relay of R. Nederland in Spanish.  
6/4 0052, SINPO 34433. Talk in Spanish about music, Dutch website  
given.  
8/4 0308, SINPO 43444. R. Nederland (in Spanish) relay. Talk about  
political problems in Central America, ID.

[this is WIPR, PR's public radio station, which has fallen on hard  
times so instead of own programming relays RN a lot --- gh]

1030, WOSO "Radio \*\*\*\*Orto(?)" (in English), Puerto Rico. 6/4 0237,  
SINPO 35443. Advert of an office store sale, home drug test. Then a  
"pop culture quiz" about a 1971 clip. Song "Running Around" by Elvis.  
Hosted by Jerry Brian. [break in listening] At 0252 song "What a  
Night". 0257 adverts of window manufacturers, transportation company  
and CABI audiovisual equipment. Then ID: "Radio Orto, the news station  
you can trust". 0300 into CBS news.  
11/4 0001-0101, SINPO 33433. CBS programming. At 0058 ñ advert of  
motorcycle insurance, surfing the web on a cellphone, ID. Larry King  
Live at 0100.

[surely they are saying ``Oso`` as in Bear, not Orto. Wiki says the  
slogan is Total Radio --- gh]

1140, WQII Once Q, Puerto Rico. 11/4 0127, SINPO 44433. Clear ID,  
religious talk.

1170, WLEO Zona Metro del Sur, Puerto Rico. 12/01 0131, SINPO 24322.  
Sports talk, ID.

1190, WBMJ Rock R. Network (religious program in English), Puerto Rico. //1370. 9/4 1030, SINPO 34444. Talk about Easter service at San Cristóbal, special Easter programming, ID as "Rock Radio Network". Followed by short song with refrain "Jesus, I love you", then preaching with quote from John, chapter 7.

1240, R. Oriental, Puerto Rico. 6/4 0312, SINPO 33433. "La noticia Radio Oriental... Onda nacional y regional... Puerto Rico". Followed by a religious song.

7/4 0312, SINPO 45544. Mention of "People's Television Center", "la Semana Santa", "el caudillo religioso", Galileo.

0337, SINPO 22433. Advert of "centro comercial", talk about Puerto Rico beaches in the Holy Week.

1260, Cadena WAPA, Puerto Rico. 6/4 0208, SINPO 34433. Talk about employment issues, clear ID, mention of Senate and Partido Popular, happy birthday wishes to Pedro González.

1280, WCMN(?) NotiUno, Puerto Rico. 7/4 00:34, SINPO 35333. Talk about North Korea and the UN, mention of an event at San Juan convention center.

7/4 0315, SINPO 34333. Program "Tema libre" ñ interview with a renowned political scientist in Puerto Rico, ID. [break in listening] 0335, SINPO 24433. Telephone conversation.

[NRC does show the call as WCMN, in Arecibo --- gh]

1320, WSKN, R. Isla Preferente, Puerto Rico. 9/4 0208, SINPO 34444. Mention of Puerto Rico, Partido Popular, David Beniel(?), "el gobierno de Costuno(?)".

9/4 1033, SINPO 45444. Mention of Laguna del Condado(?), San Juan, "colonizado con corales naturales".

{Puerto Rico on 710, 810, 1320, 1490 ñ Radio Isla îPreferenteî Is the slogan simply îRadio Isla 13-20î? (HÅkan Sundman, Helsinki, NRC-AM via DXLD)}

That makes sense: trece-veinte could be mistaken for preferente (gh)

1370, WIVV Rock R. Network (religious program in English), Puerto Rico. 9/4 0210, 10:34. SINPO 44444 // 1190 [On Vieques, separate island --- gh]

1420, WUKQ ñ relay of WKAQ 580, Puerto Rico. 9/4 1045, SINPO 24333 to 34433. Mention of San Juan.

1450, UNID Puerto Rico (WCPR R. Coamo??) 6/4 0056, SINPO 23322. ID by song!



1470, WKCK Cumbre, Puerto Rico. 7/4 1026, SINPO 23433. Hosted by male and female, mention of "El minuto", cooperativa, Victoria, ID as "Cumbre 1470 AM", advert of a supermarket in Calle 4 de julio, doctor S-nchez in calle 4 de mayo. Later mention of "c-mara de representacion" of Puerto Rico, telephone conversation with Mr. Rodr-guez Aguilo about library facilities for teachers.

1480, WMDD Puerto Rico, \*\*\*\*"El Caliente". 5/4 0030, SINPO 34433. Adverts of a pharmacy Santa Teresa in Rio Grande, music website (Östudio.com), cafe offering paellas, beauty salon(?) in Rio Grande. Then into talk about food recipes, while commenting on some sports competition (from "primera entrada" to "cuarta entrada", mention of "pelota"), then advert of "Grupo Egos" and "Medical Professional Centre" in Calle BarcelŰ. At 0138 game comment continued, St Teresa pharmacy advert repeated, followed by "Cooperativa de oro" and Richis CafÉ ads.

7/4 1019, SINPO 45433. Talk about a legislative proposal in the Congress, mention of Rivera Gonz-lez, ID as "El Caliente 1480", mention of Rio Grande, "gas solicitado", switching off TV sets. Possible ID as WMVE or something similar. Then at 1025 talk about the earthquake in Italy.

9/4 1039, SINPO 44444. Mention of "avodado [abogado? --- gh] de Pacheco", talk about pirates in the Gulf of Aden.

1490, WDEP R. Isla Preferente, Puerto Rico. 7/4 0307, SINPO 34444. Mention of "tradiciŰn colonial", "el congreso". 0329, SINPO 33422. ID, mention of "6 de abril", "designar el secretario fiscal independiente", corruption.

9/4 1044, SINPO 34433. Clear ID.

[cf other logs in the same network and slogan; I am not convinced the word is preferente; zero google hits on ``Radio Isla Preferente`` --- gh] [see 1320!]

{see <http://www.radioisla1320.com/> yes, they are Intensively BROADCASTING AGAINST CUBA; CARRY ALSO CNN NEWS. But correct name just Radio Isla. "preferente" is just a slogan (DM)}

\*\*\*\*1500 R. Vi (??), Puerto Rico. 4/4 23:25, SINPO 42333. Mention of alcalde, Ana Rodr-guez, ID, song including words "Por lo menos t'". [supposedly is WMNT, Radio Atenas, ManatŰ --- gh]  
{see <http://www.radioatenas.com/> (DM)}

1520, WSQD R. Voz, Puerto Rico. 5/4 0145, SINPO 43433. ID: "...Puerto Rico en Caribe... Cadena Radio Voz de IncarnaciŰn(?)".

1600, WLUZ AcciŰn 1600, Puerto Rico. 8/4 0316, SINPO 45544. Mention of DJ GananiŰ(?), song "M-s que no", ID.

1660, WGIT, Puerto Rico (tentative). 11/4 0149, SINPO 25423. Non-stop Latino songs. {1660 AM, "La Gigante (DM)}

#### ST KITTS AND NEVIS

555, ZIZ, St Kitts and Nevis. 7/4 0009-0020, SINPO 35443. Cricket talk by two hosts, mention of Jubilee Stadium opening ceremony, inter-school championship, SKNS. Later comments on international competitions, mention of Australia, Pakistan, Manchester United, Ronaldo rejecting an offer.

820, R. Paradise, Nevis, St. Kitts and Nevis. Religious programs in English. 8/4 0214, SINPO 44444. Talk about changing people's lives. 8/4 0252, SINPO 45544. Mention of "Foundation of Jesus Christ", ID, preaching.

11/4 0049, SINPO 55444. Preaching in a very emotional voice before an audience, call to worship God. The speaker called testimony services "lying services" and the audience reacted by laughing. Then the preacher said, "God has fallen asleep ñ he works too hard".

895, VON Radio, St Kitts and Nevis. 8/4 1015, SINPO 44544. Advert of a medical centre and a pharmacy, ferry schedule, "marina... will be closed on Friday", request to call people who are celebrating, preaching for children about believing in Jesus, Christian song. 11/4 0142-0206, SINPO 34433. Christian song with refrain "I am glory", ID: "This is the powerhouse of the Eastern Caribbean, Von Radio". Followed by another religious song, then another song: "Life, take me there to the place just to make a right selection take my hand". At 0157 announcement related to Easter Weekend. Followed by song "We're Family", followed by another song with refrain "I wanna be more".

#### \*\*\*\*ST LUCIA

700, R. St Lucia, in English, with UN Radio relayed. 7/4 0142, SINPO 35444 to 45544. Talk about minimizing HIV infection risks, mention of World Music Festival and interview with a bishop on whether Catholics can take part in it during the Holy Week. Then mention of alleged rape of a 7-year-old girl. ID as Radio St Lucia, time announcement at 0145, program ad (mention of a voucher, NBC?). From 0146 ñ United Nations Radio program.

[Surely this is NBC St. Vincent. Would hardly expect them to relay station from another country. I asked Robertas about this and he replied: ``As for 700 - yes, I'm sure it was Radio St Lucia (perhaps a relay via St Vincent? But I received St Lucia here on several different days).`` --- gh] {see <http://www.nbcsvg.com/> (DM) }

## ST MAARTEN

1300, PJD-2, Voice of St Maarten. 6/4 0215, SINPO 45434. ID, song "Wildflower" by Skylark, then more songs. [break in listening] Song "Somewhere Down the Road" at 0247.

6/4 1258, SINPO 45444. Advert of KSD sandwich bar, pain relief medicine(?), burglary insurance ENYA. Mention of programme "Living Libraries" coming after news. BBC news 1300-1306. At 1306 ID as "Voice of St Maarten, PJD-2", with studios in Philipsburg. Followed by ads of a building materials dealer, clothes store sale, lunch bar "Carls & Sons", septic service(?), Ian Ball Easter weekend celebration, police career, vitamin discounts, Caribbean image centre.

## \*\*\*TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (?)

730, Trinidad?? 7/4 0350, SINPO 34333. Telephone conversations, religious talk including phrases "Praise God", mention of a planned church service in San Fernando on Sunday 19 April, next services on 24 May in Guyana, Grenada and other places. At 0400 consecutive IDs by male and female as Ö. Radio. Followed by a Christian song in English. At 0405 another song with refrain "Somebody do it".

7/4 0959, SINPO ??. Telephone numbers announced: ..1609183 and 62467325. From 1000 BBC news.

8/4 1005, SINPO 24322 to 24333. Talk in American English about job losses, reports, mention of Bahamas, tentative ID as "PHC3", mention of "TBC (or was it CBC??) Radio Network".

[730 belongs to TBC, Trinidad Broadcasting Company; WRTH says slogan on 730 is ``Inspirational 7-30 AM`` --- gh]

## USA

660, WFAN Sports R., New York. 8/4 02:35, INPO 22322. Clear ID as "Sports Radio, WFAN".

710, WOR (New York, US). 7/4 0348, SINPO 23422. ID heard, weak.

720, WWWJ (Virginia, US). 7/4 0953, SINPO 25222. ID heard, weak. [no such station in NRC-AM log; however, FCC AM Query shows it only as an application to move to from 1360, 5 kW daytimer in Galax, to 720, 2.2 kW day, 1.4 kW night in Portsmouth. Galax is in the SW tip of VA, nowhere near Portsmouth in the SE corner. So the app is already on the air! How about the CP stage? - gh] {I THINK THIS IS UNID STATION (DM)}

770, UNID 8/4 0244. In American English. {Probably WABC New York 50 kW (DM)}

880, WCBS, New York. 7/4 0250, SINPO 33433. Weather info, then in "Newstime" ñ talk about centenary of a museum, mention of "celebration marathon", "world class art collection"; then about Masters (degree?) online.

8/4 0224, SINPO 22322. CBS news, telephone 1800 497 6485, mention of "personal transport", "5 miles an hour", sports, clear ID, advert.

1000, WMVP Chicago (tentative), with ESPN Radio program. 6/4 0202, SINPO 23322. CBS news, sports, ID of ESPN Radio.

7/4 1010, SINPO 33223. CBS news, program "America in the Morning", mention of Obama's popularity, ballistic missiles.

\*\*\*\*1090 UNID - MCNA Radio Network (??), 5/4 00:44, SINPO 33333. Advert mentioning "one of America's most trusted brands", "Channel Art Blue" (?). Then into sport talk mentioning Michigan, Yukon, championship, US Navy. ID: "You are listening to MCNA Radio Network". Advert mentioning website freecreditsreport.com and another one mentioning "new mobiles". Another ad about changing an oil filter for the car, followed by "Office Next" DVD ad, then sport scores for Michigan, Yukon, North Carolina. [break in listening] About 2150 interview with NFL footballer Jim. WHICH STATION WAS THIS?

[out of order, unless the frequency was a typo! In sports terminology, it's not Yukon, but U-Conn, i.e. University of Connecticut, gotcha. Don't find any MCNA, tho there is an NCNA, National Council for a New America, splinter group more Republican than the Republicans, which might be mentioned on far-right talk radio; but this was sports format] {Please Reconfirm the frequency. If it is 1090 kHz may be WBAL BALTIMORE (DM)}

1010, WINS, New York. 5/5 0118, SINPO 33433. Talk about Israeli-Palestinian conflict, advert of Ferrari driving school, ID as "1010 wins", then into talk about Obama lifting ban on travel to Cuba. [break in listening] 0121 mention of plane crash and airport delays, then about deaths in a hospital and police investigating, then about Russian proposal for arms reduction. Then weather for New York, followed by ad of used cars.

1100, WTAM, Cleveland, OH. 5/4 0158, SINPO 23322. Telephone conversation, then ID: "This is NewsRadio TAM 1100". Mention of rockin'roll, East Ohio weather info.

1170, WWVA, Wheeling, West Virginia. ID as "WWVA News Radio" heard at 0100 on 5/4. Then faded out.

1500, UNID US station. 5/4 0023, SINPO 33333. Talk mentioning Saturday, "national". {Probably is WFED Washington DC 50 kW (DM)}

1510, WLAC News R., Nashville, TN. 9/4 0152, SINPO 33333 (average). Telephone conversation advertising a medical procedure: "I walk a lot 3 days a week body walk-out structure muscles 35 USD a session arthritis", clear ID at 0200.

1520 UNID US station {Probably WWKB BUFFALO NY 50 kW (DM)}

1530 UNID US station {Probably WCKY CINCINNATI OHIO 50 kW (DM)}

1550 WHRC(?), Miami, FL. 5/4 0103, SINPO 23222, later worse. Spanish talk, then English ID announcement at 0103 on 5/4 ("This is WÖRÖ Miami"). Location Miami for sure. [it's WRHC --- gh]  
{ <http://www.wrhc.com/> RADIO CADENA AZUL Coral Cable Florida. (DM) }

## VENEZUELA

550, YVKE Mundial, Caracas (tentative). 12/4 0344, SINPO 44433. Discussion about the extent to which the Church influences politics in Venezuela.

560, R. Nacional de Venezuela.

620, R. Fe y Alegría (presumed), Venezuela. 9/4 0116, SINPO 23333. Religious talk, mention of Nazareth, "camino de la salvacion", "en toda Venezuela".

630, R. Nacional de Venezuela. 8/4 0140, SINPO 32433. Political talk about collapse of the democratic system, manipulation of Venezuelan people, mention of Conferencia Episcopal, ID as RNV and frequencies. At 0143 ñ talk about, "EducaciÖn y socialismo bolivariano" with Professor Manuel Marina.

660, Anaco AM, Venezuela. 11/4 0215, SINPO 22322 to 34333. Songs, jingle-IDs.

12/4 0126, SINPO 34433. Pop music, jingle-IDs.

670, R. Rumbos (Venezuela). 8/4 0237, SINPO 32433. Sports talk, telephone 04145855, ID as "Deportivo Rumbo 670 AM", advert of a program by Professor Pablo Marrero "El dominante de la cancha". R. Porlamar, Venezuela (relay via Rumbos??). 8/4 0119, mention of Guacupo(?), Radio Porlamar, "el profesor".  
11/4 0221, SINPO 33433. Clear ID as R. Rumbos.

720, R. Venezuela Oriente. 11/4 0233, SINPO 33333. Mention of Barcelona, Esparta, Venezuela, telephone numbers 04401889388 and 069970, clear ID.

750, RCN ñ Palabra Hecha R., Caracas, Venezuela. 6/4 0028, SINPO

45444. Beginning of sports program "Ventana deportiva" at 0030, football talk.

9/4 0222, SINPO 44444. Adverts of car filters, Movistar TV Digital, "Centro comercial deportivo", medicine "Uriacum" (?), "Ninaso" (for the nose) and "Antipon" (?), website aldeaeducativa.com, advert of Natecal D (preparation containing calcium), laboratoriosvargas.com. Followed by "RCN Deporte" ñ baseball games of the next day.  
[must be RCR, for Radio Caracas Radio, not RCN = Colombia --- gh]  
{see <http://www.caracasradiotv.com/> (DM)}

8/4 0207, SINPO 45444, later 43544. Mention of "ciudad de Argentineta", tratamundo, equipo.

760, UNID Venezuelan (tentative). 9/4 01:17, SINPO 44444. Mention of Ch·vez.{ Radio Puerto La Cruz YVQQ, Puerto La Cruz, "Doble Q" 760 (DM)}

770, R. Nacional de Venezuela (tentative). 8/4 0244, SINPO 33433. Talk about coup diÈtat (golpe del estado), mention of Venezuela.

780, R. Coro, Venezuela. 8/4 0212, SINPO 23422. Talk about workersí problems.

8/4 0248, SINPO 22322. Mention of "la playa", ID.

830, R. SensaciÛn (Venezuela). 11/4 0250, SINPO 43543. Mention of "competencia", "palabra", "molocho" (?), "terminal", telephone conversation, Time announcement, ID.

880, R. Ventura (Venezuela). 7/4 0250, SINPO 23322 to 22333. Lottery numbers read, many mentions of "La Palabra", number 7373. Also mentioned "la gente de Aruba y CuraÁao" as well as Santa Rita in Venezuela. {THIS IS RADIO PARAGUANA' PUNTO FIJO, ESTADO FALCON, They are well heard in Aruba & CuraÁao !!!!! (DM)}

900, "Mara Ritmo", Maracaibo, Venezuela. 8/4 0937, SINPO 43433. Talk mentioning Banco Digitel, "seguros", Maracaibo, "tribunal", Manuel Rosales (?), "alcalde", "ilegal", "permiso". Later talk about human rights violations by Alberto Fujimori in Per', clear ID: "Mara Ritmo 900, m·s informaciÛn".

910, R. Q 910 (presumed), Venezuela. 6/4 0106. Talk about Venezuela ñ US relations under Ch·vez.

920, R. Nueva Esparta, Porlamar, Venezuela. 11/4 0057, SINPO ??. Talk about tourism, mention of "preferente Caribe", clear ID.

940, R. Punto Fijo, Venezuela. 11/4 0330, SINPO 23322. Clear ID.

950, R. Popular, Venezuela. 6/4 0053, SINPO 23322. Multiple IDs.

990, \*\*\*\*R. Porlamar, Venezuela (relay via Tricolor??). 8/4 0310, SINPO 22322. ID heard.

R. Tricolor, Venezuela. 11/4 0008, SINPO 33433. Clear ID.

{This is 990 kHz Radio Tricolor Barquisimeto Estado Lara (DM)}

1020, UNID, Venezuela. 10/4 23:53, SINPO 43344, later 23322. Mention of the earthquake in Italy, Japan, "justicia venezolana", "tribunal supreme". Then talk about "Porlamar de mis amores".

{This is Radio Margarita Porlamar Estado Esparta. 10 kw (DM) }

1110, R. Venezuela Caripano. 12/4 0139, SINPO 45444. Talk, mention of "195 bolívares", ID, song "La clave para conquistarte" by Axel Fernando(?).

1140, Voz del Caribe/R. Porlamar, Porlamar, Venezuela. 11/4 0201, SINPO 22322. Clear ID: "La Voz del Caribe".

1320, R. Apolo, Venezuela. 7/4 0320, SINPO 23322 to 34433. Lottery talk, mention of "la revista regional", Santorín, clear ID.

1370, R. La Pascua, Venezuela. 5/4 0134, SINPO 43433. Advert of a program to be transmitted on Sunday at 9 in the morning, clear ID. 9/4 1034. Clear ID under NotiUno, Puerto Rico.

1430, R. Bahía, Venezuela. 12/4 0151, SINPO 33433 to 45433. ID: "Radio Bahía, la sensación del Caribe, con la música mas alegre", followed by a love song. 0156 ñ advert of the program called "México", then: "Bahía.. tipo A B C escuchado por niños y adultos".

1470, R. Vibración, Venezuela. 6/4 0318, SINPO 33323. Clear ID, songs "Déjame libre" by María Cruz, "Por ti, por mí" by Eric Franchesky.

1500, Radio 2000, Venezuela. 7/4 0233, SINPO 33322. Clear ID, mention of "región oriental", "servicio público", then into reading lottery numbers.

8/4 0109, SINPO 35433. Clear ID.

1590, R. Deporte, Venezuela. 7/4 0230, SINPO 34232. Clear ID.

#### VIRGIN ISLANDS (UK)

780, ZBVI Virgin Islands (UK). 8/4 0201 end of National Anthem, signal off air (very last moments caught).

9/4 0958, SINPO 34423. Singing "There is a man, his name is Jesus". 1002 ñ invitation to pray. At 1002 ñ ID by a lady: "This is ZBVI, British Virgin Islands, your companion to the nation(?)". Followed by

announcements of ferry timetables by the same lady who was preaching!  
At 1004 ñ wishing happy birthday to Johnny. Followed by PCC(?)  
unlimited freedom mobile plan ad. Then Rodham fast ferry timetable,  
then ad of cable, steel, tools, support kits, glasses ad, then ad of  
sewage treatment systems. Presenter introduced herself as R.  
Lesham(?), gave website <http://www.zbvi.com> and birthday greetings to  
Josephine Carwood, Norman Williams, followed by wishes to people in  
hospital.

#### VIRGIN ISLANDS (US)

970, WSTX, American Virgin Islands. 9/4 1055, SINPO ???. Mention of St  
Cloy [Croix], St John offices, "customer service offices closed",  
website with domain .vi, NewsTalk, advert of St Thomas radiology  
clinic, a minigolf course, Flora Expert supermarket, bowling. Clear ID  
as WSTX.

1000, WVWI, American Virgin Islands. 8/4 1022, SINPO 45444. "America  
in the Morning" program by Westwood One [with Jim Bohannon]. Advert of  
a foodstore, PWC insurance, investment consulting. Interview about  
free walks on campus. Later ads of Pizza Hut, doctor's practice ("pain  
management") in the Virgin Islands, KFC Chicken, Guardian Car  
Insurance. ID: "WVWI, the welcome voice of the West Indies". Then  
continuation of "America in the Morning" with talk about Obama's  
surprise visit to Iraq.

1340, WSTA, American Virgin Islands. 12/4 0208, SINPO 23322. Talk in  
English, mention of chemistry, medical analysis, telephone number  
772..620 Another ad, then about earthquake in Italy. Then sports talk  
(baseball), clear ID, advert of a medical centre in Virgin Islands,  
internet café in Los Angeles, place for printing digital camera shots.

1620, WDHP, US Virgin Islands. 7/4 0022, SINPO 45444. Talk about  
preservation of native culture in the Virgin Islands in light of  
immigration. Suggestion to read the book "Deduction of Acquisition",  
comparison with situation in Alaska, mention of discrimination of  
black people in the US.

8/4 1034, SINPO 33433. Mention of "defence attorney", "project state  
neighbourhood", ID, song "Place In The Sun".

#### UNIDENTIFIED

570, R. Tei(?), Cuba(?). 11/4 01:33, SINPO 23322. IDs heard two  
times, mention of Cuba. {THIS MAY BE RADIO RELOJ , SANTA CLARA ,  
LISTED 30 kW (DM)}

620, Living R. (country ??). 8/4 0325, SINPO 33433. Talk about sports  
in American English, advert of instant refund loan, National Hockey



League website nhl.com mentioned, advert about radioalergy(?), SweetDeal supermarkets, ID: "This is Living Radio", sports talk continued, mention of Nashville. [ANTIGUA would presumably be dominant, but with such programming? --- gh] {I AGREE WITH GLENN (DM)}

690, R. Vigan (exact name and country??). 8/4 0158, SINPO 22322. Mention of Barrio Bolivia, telephone 2961697, ID. Colombian??

710, R. Mambina Grande?? (Colombia?). 8/4 0925, SINPO 32433. Sports results, tentative ID, talk mentioning a new stadium, Marbella in Andalucia (Spain), "mexicano", "tribunal", "brasile0o", colombiana", "violencia". [probably Radio Mambí, La Grande, i.e. wacky WAQI, Miami --- gh ] {YES I AGREE WITH GLENN. Dirección: 800 Douglas Rd., Annex Building, Suite 111, Coral Gables, FL 33134 -DM}

760, UNID. 8/4 0205, SINPO 23423. Religious talk in Spanish. {Probably WORA MAYAGUEZ, PUERTORICO, of GROUP RADIO UNO. (DM)}

830, R. Fido del Mar (??). 8/4 0945, SINPO 23422. Talk about lottery, tentative ID. [maybe Ciudad del Mar, but can't find anything to match --- gh] {Possible here Radio Reloj Medellín Colombia 10 kW (DM)}

840, VBC Radio? 8/4 0219, SINPO 22322. Talk in American English. Advert mentioning "lowest rate around", telephone 6908530, financing, April 30th. [phone number hit on Mobile, Alabama, for tax assessor, and there is an 840 there, WBHY, 10 kW daytimer --- gh] {see <http://www.goforth.org/Christian840/> UBC RADIO PROGRAM ??? (DM)}

850, UNID religious station in English. 10/4 23:45, SINPO 22432. {MAY BE TALK RADIO WFTL FLORIDA <http://www.850wftl.com/> not Religious (DM)}

940, KPN (??). 6/4 0109, SINPO 33433. Talk in Spanish about pension funds, sexual education. ID as KPN ("Ka Pe Ene").

1107, UNID with Latin American music, off frequency! [time??? -- gh] {Possibly Spain? Interesting that TA's in general were absent. When I used the DXtuners online receivers located at Melbourne, FL (right on the coast near the Kennedy Space Center) and in the Caracas, Venezuela area, I noted that TA's were typically inferior to what I was getting in the Boston area, even here at the house about 15 miles inland (and way worse than at the shore sites such as Granite Pier). Often only Saudi-1521 was producing good audio with maybe another dozen stations with hets / fragmentary audio. I do think that in eastern Caribbean island locales such as the Virgin Islands, Barbados, etc. you can have good TA nights. In fact Glenn's own USVI report from the late '70s or early '80s bears that out. ñ Marc Connelly, NRC}

1340, Radio 1340 AM "La Alegría..." (country??). 12/4 0222, SINPO

23322. ID heard: "En su radio, aquí est· 1340 AM, La Alegría de ..."  
Could it be Per'?? [no matches I can find --- gh]  
{In Caracas exist AM 1340 RADIO ARCOENSE listed 10 kW. YVNE 1340 kHz.  
(DM)} {This is HJFB Fiesta 13-40, Colombia. Noted with slogan "En su  
radio, Fiesta 13-40 AM, la alegría de Bogot·". 73 (HÅkan Sundman,  
Helsinki, NRC-AM via DXLD)}

1360, UNID talking in French Creole (Haiti??). 5/4 0132, SINPO 24423.

[Radio LibertÉ, Port-au-Prince, 5 kW only one listed in WRTH 2009. No  
1360s listed for any other French Caribbean island --- gh]

1530, UNID ñ tentative Colombian (short name ñ Radio ....). 7/4 1017,  
SINPO 25422. Talk about collection of signatures to reduce the size of  
the legislature, ID as Radio Ö (very short name), mention of inter-  
university games, then analyzing the question where 23 million  
(dollars?) have disappeared, mention of Senado. [if it was short, not  
Alcarav·n Radio, the MW counterpart of 5910 and 6010 Colombia -- gh]  
{see <http://www.rebayona.com/emisoras/emisorascolombiaamc.html> This  
List reports Radio Sevilla 1 kw Departamento del Valle (DM)}

1610, UNID 4/4 2303, SINPO 45444. Religious program in American  
English.

[Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla, of course, Defunct Gene Scott or Pastor  
Melissa Scott -- gh] (Robertas Pogorelis, Guadeloupe, DX LISTENING  
DIGEST)

Additional comments:

Well I think Guadalupe is a real DX Paradise. Flight from Milano Italy  
to Guadalupe will cost 750 Euro 73's (DM Dario Monferini  
<http://www.playdx.com> )

Very interesting report, especially for those of us along the East  
Coast US & Canada who can hear many of these stations during auroral  
activity.

Many of the Venezuelans are loud on Cape Cod and Cape Ann: 550, 670,  
720, 750, 780, 1020, 1110, and 1140 are some of the "bigger dogs".

I enjoy ZBVI on 780 when I can get CFDR and R. Coro into lucky fades.

Nice to know that Guyana is still there on 560. If I could find some  
way to get WGAN out of the way at the local shore sites where it's  
typically S9+40, that would help.

UnID US probables in the report: 770 WABC, 1090 WBAL, 1500 WFED, 1520  
WWKB, 1530 WCKY.

I will print these logs as a reference in the car on my next shore outings. So little is reported from the Caribbean and this is a real treat (Mark Connelly, WA1ION - Billerica, MA, May 22, NRC-AM via DXLD)

CATANDABAL DX-PEDITION, May-June 2008

Ciao! In the playdx WEB has been up to date the report of the travel may-june 2008 CATANDABAL, compiled by Dario Monferini. There are also many rare photos, of Mr. Barretina, and Camping Radio Pirate, Radio L'Arboc Penedes, Visit to Radio Stations in Mallorca.

<http://www.playdx.com/html/vuelta2008/vuelta2008.htm>

<http://www.playdx.com/foto/vuelta2008/index.html>

There are also the FM BANDSCAN in the flights :

Milano Malpensa - Barcelona

Barcelona - Sevilla

Sevilla - Barcelona

Barcelona - Milano

Tropo Bandscan at Playa La Barrosa in Chiclana de Cadiz Andalusia

Mirador de Vejer de la Frontera Cadiz Andalucia

Cala Millor Tropo Band Scan at Mallorca Baleares

Baleares Esporadics 2005-2008 in FM

Tropo Bandscan Parque El Farraf Pic de Martell Catalunya

FM Bandscan at Tarragona Beach

Enjoy the humor of the travel !

73's (Dario Monferini, May 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###